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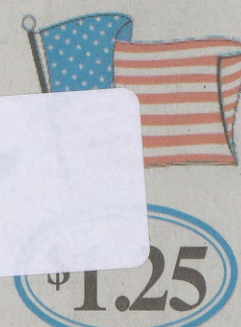


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▲ Wilmington's own Nancy Brown selling holiday "Bobby Dazzlers" at Villanova Hall's Church Fair. (photos: BruceHilliard.com)

## Wilmington was the place to be for church holiday fairs on Saturday

◀ Let them eat fudge! The Wilmington Congregational Church Holiday Fair Ladies Elaine Bertwell, Sharon "Crazy Fair Lady" Williams with Sharon Atamian, Courtney, Alison and Hailey Meaney. Another fun filled Holiday Fair.



## Homework, value-setting a work in progress

By **LIZZIE MCDERMOTT**  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At a School Committee meeting on Nov. 13, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Glenn Brand gave an update on the district homework policy. The policy was originally approved by the School Committee on Sept. 12, 2018, and according to Brand, is still facing some growing pains.

According to Brand, the

information contained in the policy was disseminated both last year and this year, but there wasn't significant attention given to making impactful changes at the classroom level. "It continues to be, and full disclosure, a work in progress," said Brand.

At staff meetings in October, discussions were held in order to ensure that the information contained within the policy was known by staff members throughout the district. Brand also stated that discussions had taken place among the leadership team throughout the fall regarding policy implementation. He identified creation of guidelines as a potential action item resulting from those conversations. "Policy is one thing, but (there is) something that's

more practical to help guide practice on a day-to-day level, and I, from my past context, refer to that as guidelines, not policy," said Brand.

Brand defined guidelines as a complementary piece to policy, which help to enact or clarify policy specifications. He noted potential areas for guideline creation, including homework policy on holidays and long weekends, which in practice are not completely consistent throughout the district.

Brand also noted that the continual dissemination of research and literature regarding what constitutes "good" homework would remain a priority as well.

"Not just how much, but what's effective home-

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## Wilmington Police warn of door-to-door scams

By **LIZZY HILL**  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Earlier this month, the Wilmington Police Department warned residents about potential door-to-door scams against homeowners in this area. Deputy Chief Brian Pupa mentioned to the Town Crier that this region has recently seen an increase in the number of reported door-to-door scams since earlier this fall.

Pupa shared that the scams have been mostly home repair offers to elderly homeowners that seem too good to be true.

"They'll show up at houses and offer work at

reduced rates," he said. "They might say they were in the area, they noticed a need for work, and that they have extra materials."

Then, the scammers would start the work, increase their prices, and perform shoddy home repair — or not finish home repair — that leaves residents out of money and still needing professional work afterwards.

Should residents or community members receive these kinds of offers, the department offers several pieces of advice.

"Scammers will often use contracts — don't rush; ask them to come back another day," Pupa continued.

They also recommend asking for references, requesting a bid in writing and seeking other offers, and not feeling pressured or paying large deposits, especially in cash. It's important that residents make sure that they're taking time to hire a reputable contractor for home repair.

Pupa also said that in these situations, it's hard to get the residents' money back.

"If they're concerned, they can call the police department and we'll come down to check it out."

The announcement

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## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

### Outsmart aging on Saturday, Dec. 7

**Upcoming Events**  
Please register online using our Calendar of Events at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Youth). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked \*RR. Adult programs are recommended for those 16 years of age and older. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for program funding support!

**Chair Yoga \*RR**  
Monday, Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m.

Jen Ryan from Wilmington's Yoga Loft will lead a one hour chair yoga session. Find out more about this wonderful way to exercise and relax. (this pro-

gram replaces The Science of Happiness). Brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

**iPads/iPhones and eBooks \*RR**

Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.

Would you like to use your iPhone or iPad to read eBooks and listen to eAudiobooks? Join technology librarian, Brad McKenna, to find out how to use such apps as Overdrive and Hoopla to make that happen.

**Holiday Mosaic Workshop and Social**  
(16+, \$7, limit 25)

Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Register at the main desk starting Monday, November 4.

Create either a beautiful trivet or a circle sun catcher ornament using stained glass mosaic tiles. Either is perfect for your home or for a gift. Mosaics is the "art of imperfection", no experience is necessary. Led by artist Leslie Doherty of Ways of Color. This program is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

**Fiction Critique Group \*RR**

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 9:15 a.m.

Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials before the meeting. Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

**Outsmart Aging \*RR**

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m.

Maintaining an energetic, vibrant feeling throughout life takes effort and knowledge about the body. Dr. Raider will bring his experience and his knowledge from geriatric medicine to you and insights into how to use food, supplements and exercise to stay active and independent along with a simple meditation technique that provides numerous benefits.

**Tech Buddies**

Need a little help with technology? Drop in to chat with one of our high school tech buddies during one of these time slots: Monday 5:30, Tuesday 3:30 or Saturday 10 am.

**Kids & Teen Events**

**Wilmington Community Playgroup**

Monday, Dec. 2 at 9:30 a.m.

At this drop-in playgroup we will begin with a story and then play together! Led by the CTI Family Resource Network. Ages 2-5

**Frozen Singalong with Elsa \*RR**

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Join Carole Finn-Weidman as Elsa from Frozen for a program filled with interactive stories and songs from the movie, as well as some holiday favorites! All ages

**LEGO Building**

Thursday, Dec. 5 at 3:45 p.m.

Build a unique LEGO

creation. Kindergarten+

**Storytimes**

**Registration Begins**

Friday, Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. Storytimes help build a foundation for a lifelong love of books and reading. Kids will enjoy age appropriate books, songs, rhymes, movement activities and more! Sign up for a six week session of age-appropriate storytimes for your child. Register at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or call 978-694-2098.

**Drop-In Storytime**

Friday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. No storytime on Dec. 13, Dec. 20, Jan. 3, Feb. 21, Feb. 28

Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

**Thanksgiving Schedule**

• Wednesday Nov. 27: Library closes at 5 p.m.

• Thursday Nov. 28: Thanksgiving - Library closed

• Friday, Nov. 29: Library closed

• Saturday, Nov. 30: Library open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Boston Metro Hi-Railers to host open house on Saturday, Dec. 7

WILMINGTON — The Boston Metro Hi-Railers model train club will host its holiday season open house on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its clubhouse at 5 Waltham St. in Wilmington.

Like previous events, this open house will feature attractions for families, train enthusiasts and hobbyists alike. The three children's layouts are especially interesting as boys and girls of all sizes can have hands on experience running trains, operating trackside accessories or just watching others.

The price of admission remains the same at \$5 per individual and \$10 per family and refreshments will be available. A snow day on Sunday, Dec. 8 will be a backup date. Visit the club's website at <http://www.bmhrc.com> for a go/

no go announcement on Dec. 7.

This open house will feature a brief history of the club's layout and plans for future enhancements.

The BMHR layout represents a fictitious railroad running from Scranton, PA to Portland, ME. The railroad covers 485 route miles and is based on several factors:

- The geography of the Northeastern United States (the BMHR route is governed by the geography of the Appalachian Mountain Range which favors following contours of the land). The "lay-of-the-land" is not conducive to a northeasterly route out of Scranton directly toward Troy, so, the route goes due north from Scranton to Binghamton, then turn east to Troy.

- Scenic features on our layout (such as the Reinforced Cast Concrete Viaduct — found mainly in Northeastern Pennsylvania on either the Erie or the Delaware, Lackawanna, & Western — & Troy Union Station)

- The high-speed, well-graded, double track, mainline
- The trestle (and bridges) representing a crossing of the Hudson River

A block diagram of the places represented on the

layout is provided nearby. Basically, the BMHR follows the Delaware, Lackawanna, & Western from Scranton north to Binghamton, NY; then the Delaware & Hudson east from Binghamton to Schenectady and Troy, NY; then the Boston & Maine east from Troy, NY to Lowell; and then the Boston & Maine north from Lowell through Lawrence and Dover, NH to Portland, ME.

Some liberties were taken to make the project doable. In real life Worcester would have to be on a branch, not on the mainline from Troy to Lowell and Palmer is south of the main east-west route — it

is actually on the former Boston & Albany route not too far from Springfield.

Progress on creating these locations is in different stages of completion. Scranton is the furthest along, including the long-gone Luna Park amusement center. Troy station near Albany is getting finishing details to make it every more realistic. The bridge over the Hudson River is represented by the hand-crafted trestle now getting scenery added to its base.

A small village intended for the "balloon loop" near Lowell is coming along nicely. The end of the line at Portland harbor has several prototype

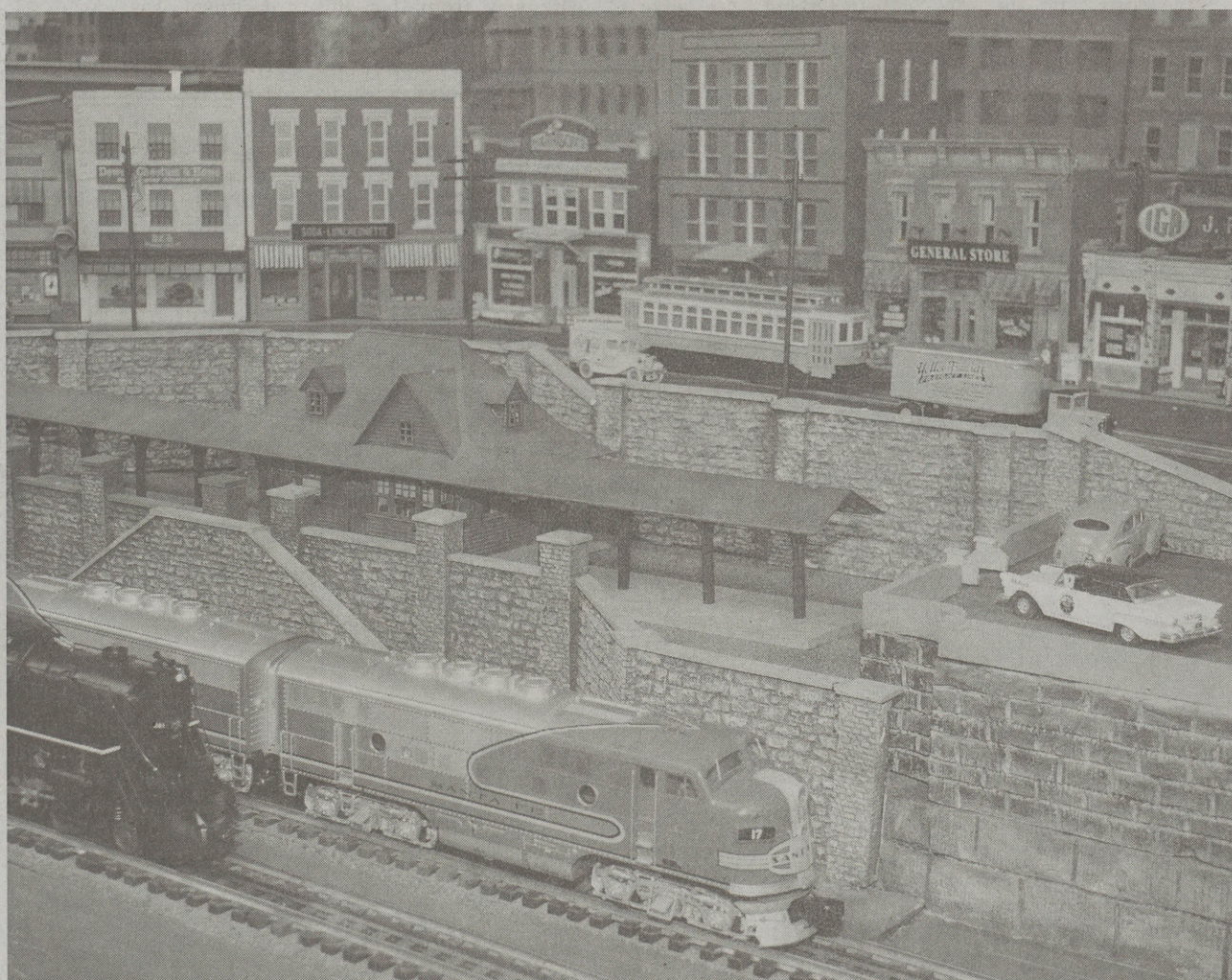
cardboard buildings being tested to see what looks best before committing to a final design.

In addition to the work in progress on the main layout, the club maintains three additional tables for visitors to play with during Open House days. The layouts are smaller than the main setup but do provide plenty of hands on action. Boston Metro Hi-Railers is unique compared to other train clubs in that they encourage children and adults to play with the trains and accessories set up just for them.

The Boston Metro Hi-Railers is a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt organization whose

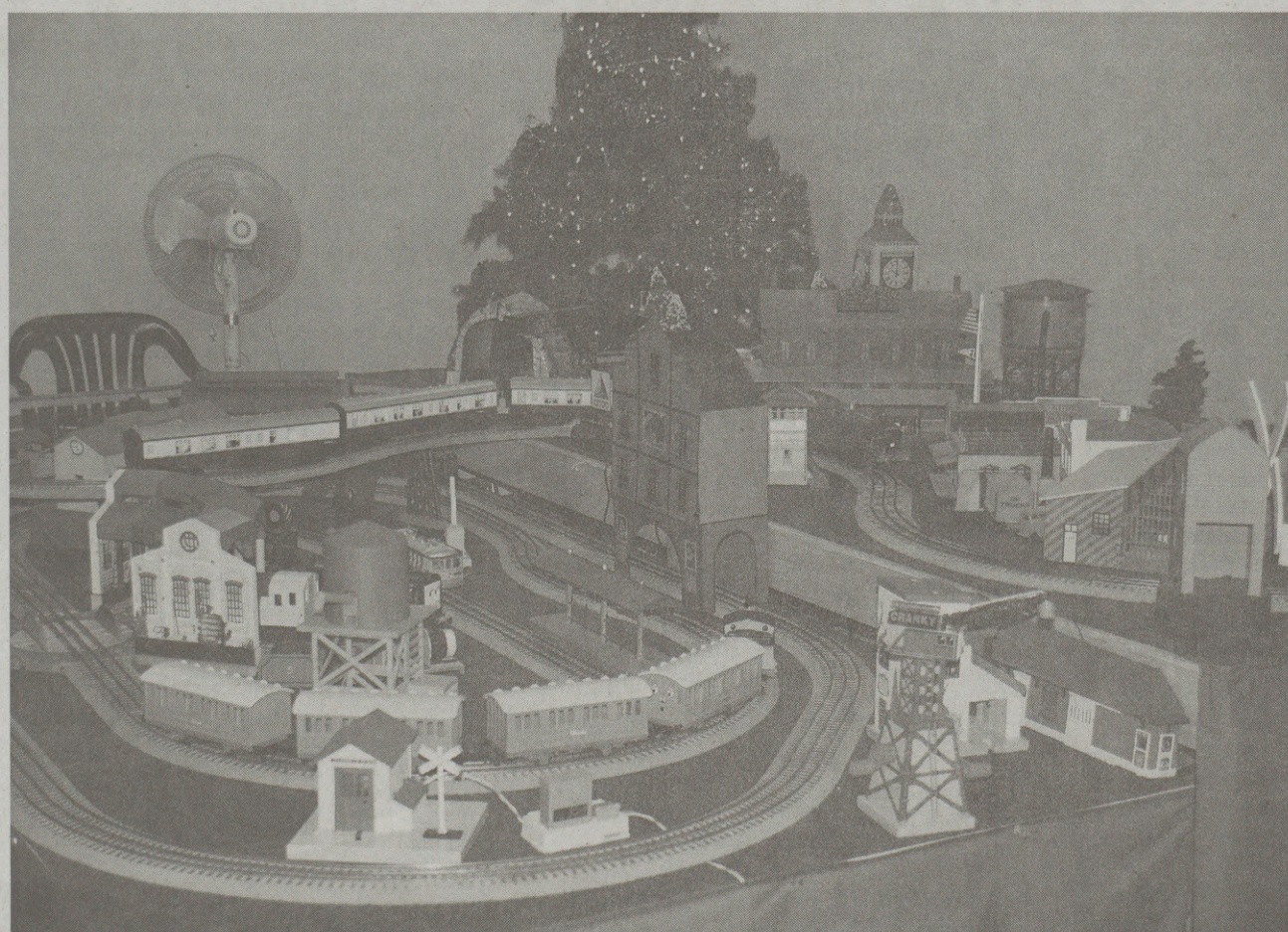
purpose is educational in nature and looks forward to continuing and expanding the mission to "promote and encourage participation in the model railroading hobby through educational, nonprofit and charitable activities with emphasis on preserving the nation's railroading heritage through the maintenance, operation and demonstration of model railroading."

If you are interested in knowing more about the club or checking for weather announcements related to the Dec. 7 Open House, visit them on the web at <http://www.bmhrc.com>.



▲ Trains stopped at Scranton

(Courtesy photo)

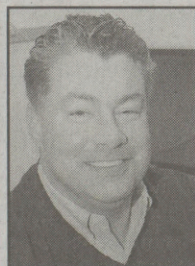


▲ Children's layout

(Courtesy photo)

### Advertisement It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



### NEW TAX CREDIT BENEFITS EMPLOYERS WHO PROVIDE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Tax reform legislation enacted in December 2017 offers a new tax credit for employers who provide paid family and medical leave. Here are several facts about how this credit works and which employers are eligible to claim it:

To be eligible for the credit, an employer must have a written policy in place that includes at least two weeks of paid family and medical leave annually to full-time employees, prorated for part-time employees, and pay for family and medical leave that's at least 50 percent of the wages normally paid to the employee.

The credit ranges from 12.5 percent to 25 percent of wages paid during an employee's leave. For purposes of this credit, family and medical leave includes leave for one or more of the following reasons:

- birth of an employee's child and to care for the child.
- placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care.
- care for the employee's spouse, child or parent who has a serious health condition.
- a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to do the functions of their position.
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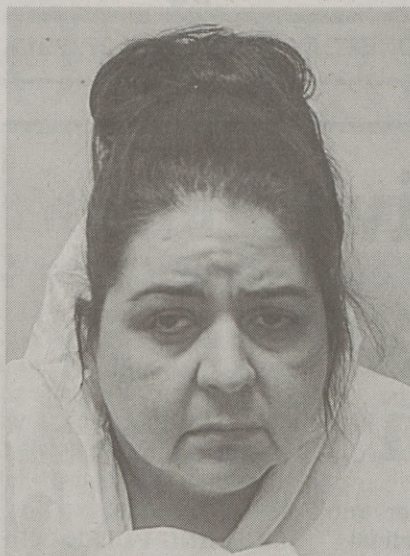
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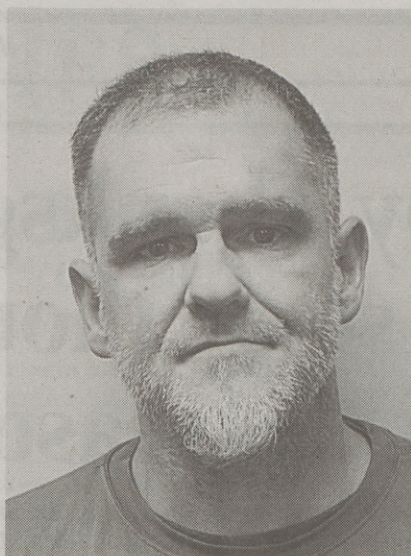
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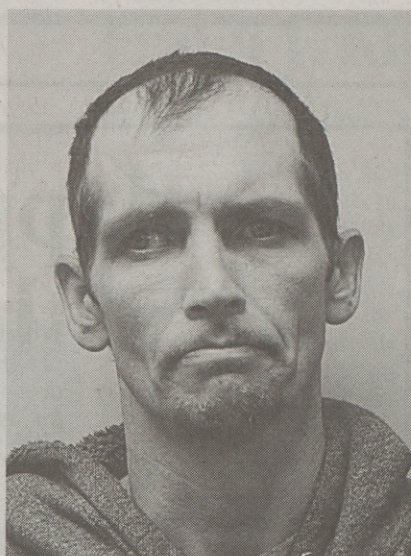




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## Drug investigation leads to three arrests

TEWKSBURY — On Nov. 16, 2019 the Tewksbury Police Department arrested the following individuals subsequent to a drug investigation:

- Fabiana B. Silva, 40, of 244 18th St., Dracut for possession with the intent to distribute fentanyl, distribution of fentanyl, possession of cocaine, two

counts of possession with the intent to distribute alprazolam and cyclobenzaprine, and destruction of evidence.

- David R. Powers, 40, of 22 Passaconaway Dr., Dracut for possession of buprenorphine.

- David M. Ness, 38, of 15 O'Brien Ter., Lowell for possession of fentanyl.

Detectives were conducting surveillance in the Rt. 133 area when they observed a drug transaction which led to the arrest of the aforementioned individuals.

All of these individuals were due to be arraigned at Lowell District Court on Nov. 17, 2019.

The Tewksbury Police De-

partment urges any citizens who suspect criminal activity to call the Dispatch Center at 978-851-7373. If you wish to remain anonymous please call the Tip Line at 978-851-0175 or send an email to [tewks\\_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov](mailto:tewks_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov).

### History:

## Henny Penny's turkey shoots, a Thanksgiving tradition

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Thanksgiving always brings on some "turkey shoots," usually held by sporting clubs. Nowadays, the event is usually a session of target shooting, with frozen turkeys given as prizes.

100 years ago, Henry Wilson Sargent (1873-1941) would run a turkey shoot every fall. For him, it was a money-making proposition. For hopeful shooters, it was a chance to bag a bird for Thanksgiving.

Sargent, who was known as "Henny Penny," lived in the Darius Buck house, at the intersection of Wildwood and Woburn streets in Wilmington. He hated the nickname and would say, "My name is Henry Wilson Sargent, and don't call me Henny Penny." The reply would come back, "Sure, Henny."

Henny Penny had a large log in a field, near where Wing Road is today. He would tether some turkeys behind the log and put down some grain or corn for the birds. Once a turkey had taken the corn, it would then have to raise its head to swallow.

Hitting the bird in that brief second was as tricky as a carnival game.

Henny Penny charged a penny a shot. Shooters could only use a .22 cal. rifle; no shotguns were allowed. It was not an easy shot. The small bul-

let, the small head and the momentary exposure offered the shooter slim odds.

He was a bicycle mechanic, and was able to repair many things. He would charge a penny a minute, and would subtract any time spent talking when calculating his fee.

He was an exceptional craftsman. He made several whirligigs. One had Uncle Sam chopping wood. It sold at auction several years ago for \$12,000. It has sold since, but for an undisclosed sum. Other items he made included a ship model and a knick-knack cabinet full of miniature tools.

Henry's parents had separated and he was raised by two maiden aunts. It is said that he slept between them until adulthood. He was small of stature and was often bullied, which caused him to leave school. Nonetheless, he was of high intelligence, and had exceptional penmanship.

When he was nearly 50, he married Emma Murray, who ran a store at Perry's Corner, where Lucci's is today. For several years, he had a Model T Ford. In 1934, he bought a Willys coupe, which he kept in his barn on Wildwood Street. He and Emma would drive to church on Sundays, but if it was raining, they walked.

## Caring for creation: An open discussion of the spiritual role in caring for Earth

READING — With the increasing threat of wildfires, tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, droughts, and rising temperatures, it is clear that we have an environmental crisis on our hands. And while there are varying thoughts on how (and if) we, as inhabitants, can save the planet, many believe it is our duty and moral obligation as Christians to care for God's creation.

As part of the Theology on Tap series of discussions, members from several of Reading's local churches will lead an open, public forum on climate change and the roles of Christians in saving and tending to the earth.

All are encouraged to join and share your thoughts on this important issue.

Prior to the event, attendees are encouraged to

read a short book entitled "Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth," by Ilia Delio, Keith Douglass-Warner, and Pamela Wood, which will be the focal point of the discussion. Copies of the book are available for \$15 in the front office at Church of the Good Shepherd, 95 Woburn St. in Reading. Attendees may also purchase the book in hardcopy or Kindle ver-

sions from Amazon.

WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Café Nero, 679 Main St., Reading

Theology on Tap is an ongoing, non-denominational series of public discussions led by the leaders of churches in Reading, on important issues that impact all of our lives.

For further information, please contact [CGSCOMMS@gmail.com](mailto:CGSCOMMS@gmail.com).

## State Fire Marshal offers Thanksgiving safety tips

STOW — "Firefighters are busier on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year because this holiday has the most home fires, and the majority are cooking fires," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. "As your families gather to celebrate this holiday, keep everyone safe. Start by making sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms."

### Cooking Safety Tips

Cooking activities have been the cause of 87 percent of the 651 Thanksgiving Day fires in Massachusetts over the last five years. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered these cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to prevent fires:

- Check to make sure your oven is empty before turning it on.
- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Turn pot handles inward over the stove.
- Remember to "stand by your pan" and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying or broiling.
- Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.
- The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to "put a lid on it" and turn off the heat.
- The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.
- If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

### Thanksgiving 2018

"Last Thanksgiving, firefighters across the Commonwealth were busy responding to the 145 fires that caused several injuries and over \$500,000 of damages," said Ostroskey.

- At about 12 p.m. last Thanksgiving, the Gardner Fire Department was called to a cooking fire in a 100-unit apartment building. The fire started on the fifth floor. There were no injuries in large part because working smoke alarms alerted the occupants and a single sprinkler head activated and put out the fire before it

could spread. Total damages from this fire were estimated to be \$225,000.

- At around 4 p.m. last Thanksgiving, the Woburn Fire Department was called to a cooking fire in a single-family home. The fire was confined to the electric oven and no one was injured. Damages were estimated to be \$2,250.

### Turkey Fryers

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL. The NFPA states that home use of "turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer." This risk of an oil spill or the ignition of spilled oil is quite high. They recommend using new "oil-less" turkey fryers.

- On Nov. 23, 2017, at 3:09 p.m., the Tewksbury Fire Department was called to a cooking fire in a single-family home. Firefighters found a deep fryer and a 20 lb. propane tank on fire in the driveway about ten feet from the garage. There was heat damage to the paint on the garage.

- On Nov. 23, 2017, at 4:48 p.m., the Salisbury Fire Department responded to a grease fire in a turkey fryer in the driveway of a single-family home. Before firefighters could arrive, the homeowner had shut the gas off and disconnected the 20 lb. propane tank from the fryer, which extinguished the fire. A car parked nearby was damaged.

### Gas Ovens:

#### A Source of CO

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, unless it is used for several hours consecutively like when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when

using the gas oven for an extended period.

### Burn Safety

- Keep children three-feet away from the stove for safety to prevent burns.
- Run cool water on minor burns; call 9-1-1 for more serious burn injuries.
- Remember to stop, drop, cover and roll if clothing ignites.

### Home Heating:

#### #2 Cause of Fires on Thanksgiving

Especially if you do not regularly use your fireplace, be sure to have the chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional before lighting the first fire of the season. Everyone who heats with wood should have the chimney

cleaned and flue inspected at the start of the heating season.

- On Nov. 23, 2017, at 5:46 p.m., the Auburn Fire Department was called to a fire in a single-family home. The homeowner had placed ashes from the woodstove into a plastic bucket and left it on the living room carpet. The ashes melted through the bucket and started the rug and floor on fire. Smoke alarms were present and alerted the occupants and no one was injured. The home had no fire sprinklers and damages were estimated to be \$5,000.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services' Thanksgiving web page.



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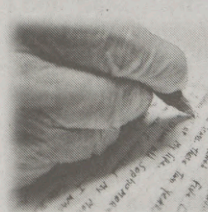
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## Letters to the editor

### Chief Sheehan takes new job in South Portland, ME

To the editor,  
For the last 10 years, Chief Timothy Sheehan has been the stoic leader of the Tewksbury Police Department. It is with a bittersweet mix of pride and sadness that we learn his 32 years of service with us is coming to a close.

Chief Sheehan has accepted a new position as Chief of South Portland Maine's Police Department. As we

prepare to say goodbye, we hold firm in the knowledge that we are far better for having his leadership and guidance this past decade. South Portland Maine gains a great man to lead their department and we will continue to strive for the excellence that Chief Sheehan has come to know and expect of us.

Deputy Chief John Voto

### Transportation investment right idea, but gas tax increase not way to fuel it

(The following is an Op-Ed from State Representative David Robertson)

Roads and bridges, and the perennial pothole issues, are perhaps the most critical services state and local governments provide aside from education and first responders. And it is no secret with the Massachusetts economy performing well, thanks to our schools and workforce talent, our entire transportation network is taking a beating as folks to go school, work, and run errands.

Traffic has literally reached a record high, or low — if you're measuring speed, with greater Boston region earning the distinguished title of "most congested city." Thankfully, both the state and regional resources have been aggressively investing in the T and other alternatives to mitigate our woes on the road, but we still have a long way to go.

Recently, you may have read about the Transportation Climate Initiative, TCI for short, which is a coalition of states from Virginia to Maine with one goal in mind: to increase public transportation access while reducing pollution. I think it is safe to say that literally nobody is against reducing traffic and smog, after all older folks will remember what LA, NYC, and Boston looked like before the EPA required car companies to clean up their exhaust.

What bothers me, and many others, is the route that is being considered by this plan to fund these vital infrastructure improvements. Currently, as discussed by many of the states involved in the TCI, fuel suppliers would be required to disclose the amount of fuel they are transporting and stay under a cap based on the potential pollution the fuel transported may generate.

This is a problem as the lack of reliable and easy

alternatives for us commuters does not allow us to pivot to other forms of transportation when gas prices rise, as these providers are forced to pass cap charges onto consumers. In such a market we fuel-consumers would simply go to the T station if it made economic sense to do so, but here we are left without an alternative choice.

With sparsely scheduled trains, buses, and other issues throughout the system, many are forced to rely on their own private way to punch-in by nine. Tewksbury hosts no MBTA station, and even in Wilmington both stations parking lots are fully filled by early hours. Both towns bus schedules are sparse, and though service is friendly and reliable coverage and access to surrounding towns is difficult at best.

I also know that this system will create a regressive tax, hitting the working class and small business owner disproportionately in their pocketbook. I have a hard time imagining a plumber or electrician taking the 1 bus to a service call, or a caterer lugging a cake onto a T commuter train.

Don't get me wrong, I applaud and support the efforts of the TCI concept to reduce our 164 hours a year wasted sitting in traffic, and reducing the pollution we put into our community every day. The cause is noble, but before we try and encourage public transportation use over private vehicles I believe Massachusetts has far to go in providing a satisfactory alternative for us here that participate in the rat-race every day.

Let's invest some of our annually issued transportation bond money, and use privately invested money to provide some public good before we punish those just trying to survive.

By PAUL J. ANDREWS

This column will begin with some reflections of the day beyond the Thanksgiving football games and dinners into some of the issues that cross my mind around this time of the year.

First, I want to comment on the loss of so many people since the last Thanksgiving and for many in the local community the hurt and loss among the educational community in the past few weeks has been huge. I thank some very special people who have passed, including Jerry O'Neill, Jim Smith, Edward "Butch" Murray and Bernie Harkins, plus other staff members that I missed, as members of the teaching community for so many years.

Thinking of these folks plus the one's I missed, I was thinking of how many students were impacted by these folks, who were more than teachers but served as friends and coaches to hundreds of students in their lives.

I want to reach out and thank all educators in Town Crier land who passed away this year and extend to their families a special remembrance for being there at the end of the day to welcome home their educator husband,

wife, dad, son or daughter, following a day of teaching or administration, which is not an easy job or profession these days with a changing society.

Difficulties on the field, court or rink

We have seen many articles on the issues being raised by officials, umpires, etc. of this job in a world where they are not finding the job enjoyable with second-guessing or criticism becoming a major trend for many sports in several communities. There seems to be an elevation of criticism of officials in their play-calling when they are attempting to do the best job possible on the field or court, etc.

What I see happening down the road is that a large number of competent officials will say, "this is not for me" and will hang up their skates, mask, etc. leaving local school districts and leagues with a serious problem in finding officials. This is not good to say the least.

The issue that seems to be reflected by many officials is that they sense a lack of respect in calls made from the fans that tear at them, while they feel they are making the best call as they see it. I do not pretend

to supply an answer to this but some attitudinal shifts have to come and soon.

Touch of class for the week

Worcester lost another firefighter at a house fire in a city called "the heart of the Commonwealth" when Lt. Jason Menard was killed searching for an infant who was thought could still be in the house. He had already rescued two firefighters before moving ahead for the infant being told via radio that was thought to be inside. Worcester comes together like most fire and police departments do but this community has had so many losses hit them hard (as it does anywhere).

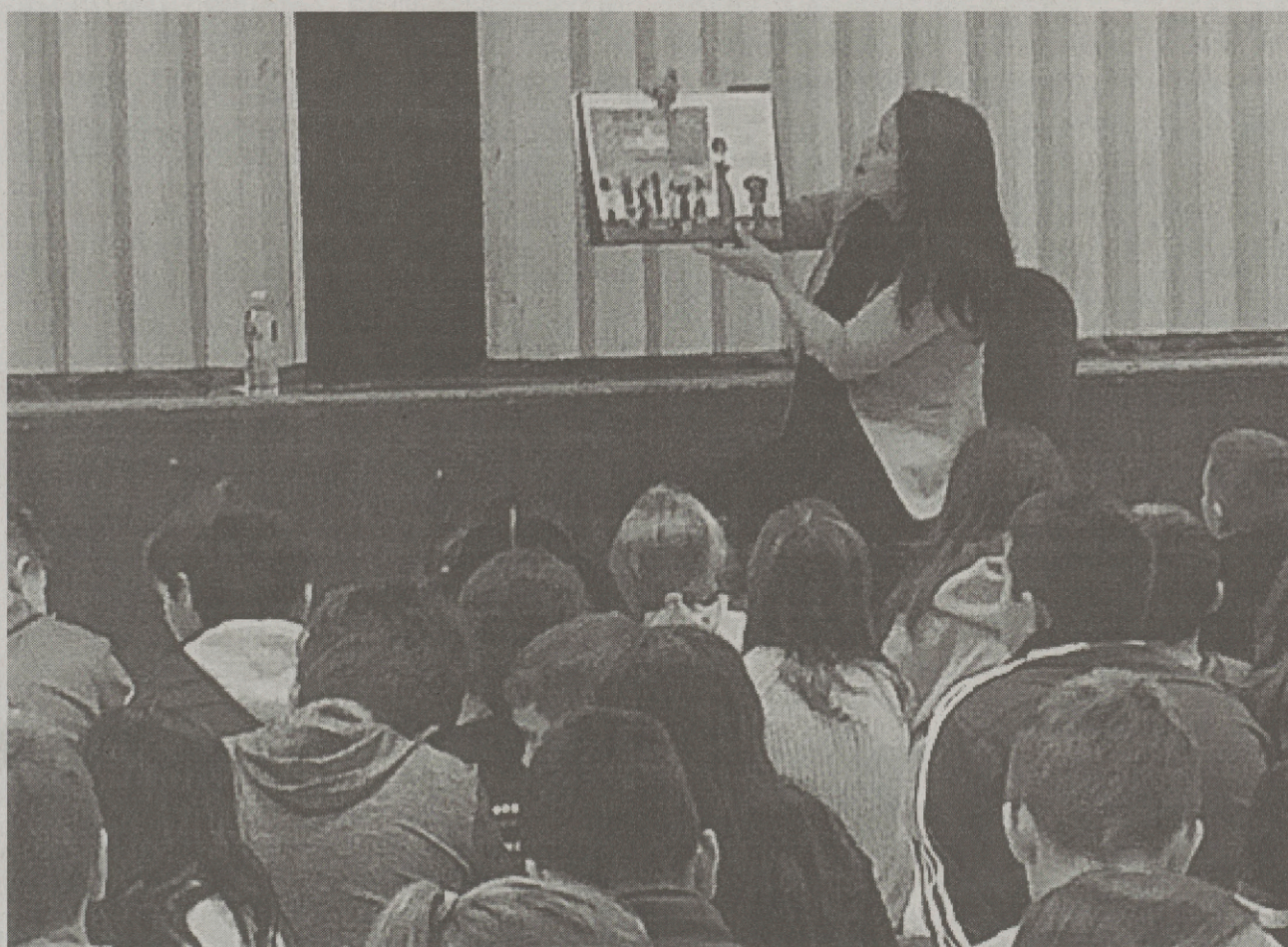
The landing of the bright red Jet Blue plane with the New York Fire Department logo that was sent to Worcester was such a great way as a tribute for a city and Fire Department to remember a fallen fire officer, who has left a wife and family to face the long days ahead. Knowing Worcester Fire, I am sure the support will be overwhelming. In the final analysis, life will never be the same for this family.

JUST A NOTE

AND SOME MORNING PULSE EXTRACTIONS

Thanks to so many of you for the comments made on the column and feel free to send me information from Town Crier land for me to include. A few extractions for the week include the following: Long term care insurance can improve retirement readiness; Amazon is planning to open cashier-less supermarkets next year; A delayed US-China trade deal will hurt US stocks, especially the tech giants; Private equity's impact on retailers and hospitals draws scrutiny in Congress; Loss of cybersecurity talent could cost businesses trillions; Oregon pension fund is invested in spyware and prison companies; Schools less important than parents in determining higher education aspirations; Lawmakers hear arguments for raising state pension plans; Fed warns prolonged low interest rates could spark instability; Europe is quietly drifting toward a recession; Walmart shows how to compete against Amazon and economic growth is close to zero for the fourth time, according to the Fed Gauges.

Again, Happy Thanksgiving from andrews@massupt.org.



### Tram Nguyen in the community

▲ Representative Tram Nguyen reads "Grace goes to Washington" to students at the Trahan Elementary School as part of American Education Week.

(Courtesy photo)

### Book Stew Review

### 'Don't Be Evil: How Big Tech Betrayed Its Founding Principles — and All Of Us' by Rana Foroohar

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

"The history of technology is the history of transformation. And no transformation is ever complete."

This author, who covered the global financial collapse in an earlier book, tells us that the FAANG (Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix, Google) corporations that control so much of our daily lives are also too big to fail, and mostly too destructive to be unrestrained any longer. She makes her case with a series of chapters on advertising, the ruin-

ation of decent jobs by Uber-ization, the pervasive lobbying and extraordinary influence over Congress and Obama ("Google was Obama's Halliburton"), the selling of phone apps to children, US vs China internet governance, and the squelching of small and mid-size innovative companies laid to waste by the dominance of the FAANGs.

It's scary, but Foroohar offers some sensible, if not unlikely, remedies in her last chapter. Well-written, especially for those readers who are not big tech followers.

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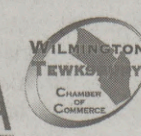
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# OBITUARIES

## Edward J. 'Butch' Murray, Jr.

Former Wilmington Public School teacher

Edward J. "Butch" Murray, Jr., lifelong resident of Woburn, teacher and Woburn High School baseball coach, died suddenly at the age of 67 on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 in Lakeland, Florida.

He was the beloved husband of 42 years to Joan A. (Ficociello) Murray.

Born and raised in Woburn, Butch was the dear son of the late Edward "Ned" Murray, Sr. and Flora M. (Blake) Murray of Woburn. Butch attended Tilton School in Tilton, New Hampshire where he captained both the football and baseball teams.

After graduating from Tilton in 1971, he attended Salem State College where he enjoyed a successful baseball career, captaining the team and graduating in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

Butch's love of sports, along with a family tradition in education, led him to a career as a teacher and coach at Woburn High School. During that time, Butch also coached and taught at Minuteman High School and Wilmington Public Schools.

He was incredibly proud of the lifelong friendships he had built through the years with fellow teachers, coaches, students, and

players.

Butch retired in 2011 after 36 years as an educator and coach. He enjoyed his time with his children and grandchildren, as well as the occasional round of golf at Woburn Country Club. He was a passionate fan of our hometown teams including Boston College, The Boston Red Sox and The NE Patriots, and he never missed a game.

Butch also loved to vacation in Harwich Port, on "the Cape" with his family, spending time on the beach, golfing with friends and family, and taking in a sunset at Brax Landing. A year ago, he and Joan retired to Cypress Lakes in Lakeland, FL where they started many new friendships.

Along with his wife Joan, Butch is survived and will be missed by his children, Kathryn (Murray) Frawley and husband Chris of Tampa, FL, Elizabeth (Murray) Queiroz and husband Tiago of Wilmington, Edward J. "Ted" Murray III and wife Samantha (Gauthier) Murray of Woburn.

He was "Papa" to his six grandchildren, Leighton Murray, Mackenna Murray, Joseph Frawley, Nicolas Queiroz, Sean Murray, and James Frawley.



He was the brother of the late Patricia (Murray) Bellefeuille of Harwich and is survived by his sister, Flora (Murray) Gaudet of Harwich, and by many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A private Interment will take place at the convenience of the family. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to a celebration of life at 5 p.m. on Jan. 24, 2020 at Fairways Woburn Country Club, 5 Country Club Road, Woburn MA, 01801. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Edward J. "Butch" Murray to Woburn High School's Scholarship Fund at Woburn Dollars for Scholars, P. O. Box 202, Woburn, MA 01801 or <https://woburn.dollarsforscholars.org/>.

## Frank J. Killilea, Jr.

Member of American Society of Civil Engineers

Frank J. Killilea, Jr., age 81, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away suddenly at the Winchester Hospital on Nov. 20, 2019.

Frank was born on Oct. 5, 1938 in Cambridge; he was the cherished son of the late Col. Frank J. and Isabel V. (Sirois) Killilea.

Frank was raised in Andover and attended Phillips Academy, graduating with the Class of 1956. Following graduation, Frank earned his Bachelors of Arts from Dartmouth College in 1960, and a few years later he earned his Bachelor's of Science from the Thayer School of Engineering.

Frank married his wife, Katherine (Knight) Killilea on June 21, 1969; the couple just celebrated their 50th anniversary over the summer. Frank and Kathy lived in Somerville for a few short years, before moving to Wilmington in 1970, where they raised their three children, Susan, Steven and Thomas. Frank was very involved in coaching the kid's sports, especially baseball, soccer and softball.

Frank became a registered professional engineer specializing in environmental engineering, and he worked with Metcalf & Eddy for more than 30 years. He then finished a distinguished career in engineering with the City of Beverly, serving as the Director of Engineering and Salem-Beverly Water Supply Board member for more than 11 years.

He was a member of the

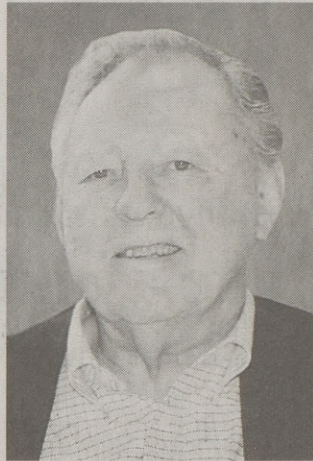
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), New England Water Works Association, and was a Life Member of the Boston Society of Engineers.

In his spare time, Frank enjoyed tending to the vegetable garden and he really loved to watch his own tomatoes and cucumbers grow. He took great pride in his garden and felt a sense of pride when he saw success. Frank always had a home project underway; he was very handy and could fix anything. Frank also looked forward to testing out all the new tech gadgets that were invented.

Frank was a man of great faith; he was a parishioner of St. Thomas of Villanova Church for many years and served as a lector for the church.

Frank will be remembered for his love of family; he loved all the family gatherings and visits from the grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Frank was the beloved husband of 50 years of Katherine (Knight) Killilea, devoted father of Susan Killilea Coburn & her husband Edward of West Roxbury, Steven F. Killilea & his wife Kim of Fairfield, CT and Thomas U. Killilea & his wife Jennifer O'Neill of Andover, loving "Grandpa" of Abby, Norah, Garen, Colin and Isabel, cherished son of the late Col. Frank J. and Isabel V. (Sirois) Killilea, dear brother of John Kill-



lilea & his late wife Aida of Holland, MI, Peter Killilea & his wife Kathleen of North Andover and Alfred Killilea & his wife Mary Ann of South Kingstown, RI.

Frank is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for a Funeral at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62) Wilmington on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 9 a.m. immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Monday, Nov. 25 from 4 - 7 p.m.

Memorial donations in Frank's name may be made to Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215 or to St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887. [www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Malden Catholic grants a wish

MALDEN — Camron, 16, is an energetic teenager who enjoys going out to eat and spending time with his family. He finds comfort during their time together which helps him

cope with the challenges attributed to a life-threatening neuromuscular disorder. Dreams of thrilling rollercoaster rides, sunny skies and new adventures at Walt Disney World Re-

sort kept him upbeat during his challenging treatments. Malden Catholic worked tirelessly over a full year to make Camron's wish a reality.

In November 2019, Mal-

den Catholic's Make-A-Wish Club and Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island were proud to present a check to Camron for \$10,270 that sent Camron and his fa-

mily to Walt Disney World Resort where he enjoyed riding the monorail, eating ice cream whenever he wanted and watching the Magic Kingdom fireworks.

For over a year, MC students, parents and alumni and the greater community came together and raised money by selling decorated stars and placing them on walls across the school to inspire and motivate students along with a host of creative fundraising activities.

"This served as a reminder that with a community working together, we could provide renewed hope and uplifting joy when it is needed most," stated Lisa Cenca, Malden Catholic Girls Division Principal and program lead.

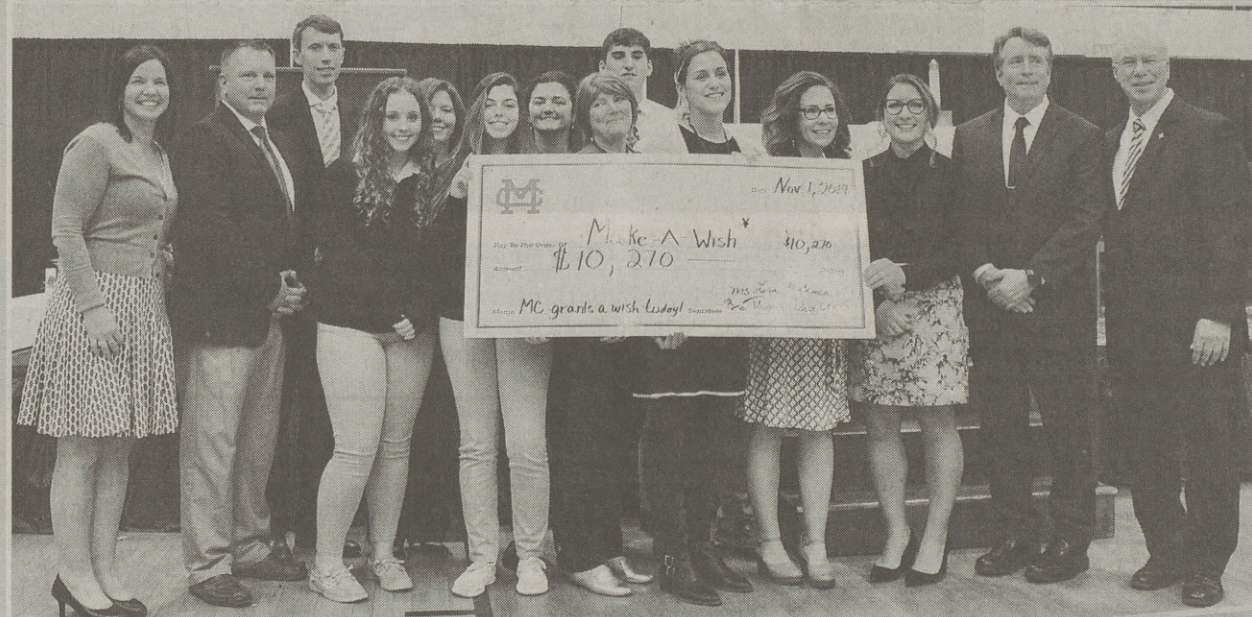
Malden Catholic's Headmaster, John Thornburg, Principals Lisa Cenca and Bro. Thomas Puccio, Chief of Staff, Sean Hurley, Athletic Director Bill Raycraft along with the

club student leaders, teachers and parents presented a check for over \$10,000 to Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island representatives, Hillary Muntz and Joanne Spillane.

Muntz commented, "With your partnership, we were able to create moments that allowed Camron and other wish children to shift their focus from hospital visits and waiting rooms to smiles and laughter."

Thornburg added, "At Malden Catholic, we pride ourselves in developing the whole student and this includes a strong charitable contribution program. Over their four years, students provide over 180 hours of service and learn so much by giving back to the community."

The Malden Catholic's Make-A-Wish Club also recently announced its fundraising plans to fulfill another wish through a second donation of \$10,000 at the end of 2020.



(Courtesy photo)

## American Cancer Society honors Tewksbury resident

BOSTON — The American Cancer Society recently presented Toni Joy of Tewksbury with a Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Award. The award is the most honored accolade by the Society in New England, and it recognizes Joy's remarkable accomplishments in support of the Society's mission to celebrate lives, to save lives and to lead the fight for a world without cancer.

Joy began volunteering

with Relay For Life of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) to honor her late mother, who passed away from cancer.

"Although she is driven and determined, she has been leading with passion, compassion, and thoughtfulness," said Christine Brown, senior community development manager for the American Cancer Society. "I have never seen someone be so genuinely kind while ultimately demanding everyone take

their efforts a step further to reach their goal. She engaged the entire WPI community, not just our Colleges Against cancer executives, chairs or committee members. She does not shy away from taking on additional tasks or picking up the slack when need be. She is truly an exceptional leader and this stems from her compassion and determination."

The Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Award is named in honor of the late Sandra C. Labaree, a long-time American Cancer Society volunteer from Maine. Despite her death from breast cancer in 2000, Labaree's spirit and values live on through this award.

Each year, the local area Board selects the most inspired and passionate individuals to receive this prestigious honor whose service best exemplifies the Society's organizational values of mission, stewardship, diversity, data-driven, and respect.

For more information on how to become a volunteer for the American Cancer Society or about the Society's programs and services, please visit [www.Cancer.org](http://www.Cancer.org) or call 800-227-2345.



▲ Toni Joy participated in Relay For Life of Worcester Polytechnic Institute this past spring. Joy received a Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Award from American Cancer Society Community Development manager Christine Brown during Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Worcester this fall recognizing Joy's dedication to the Society's life-saving mission. (Courtesy photo)

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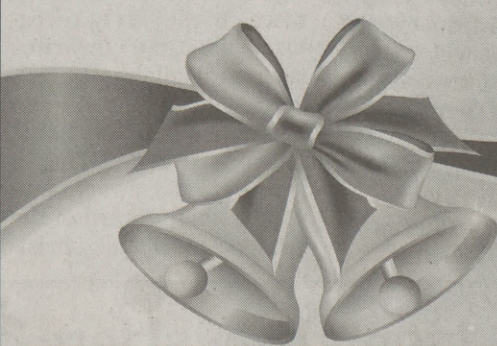
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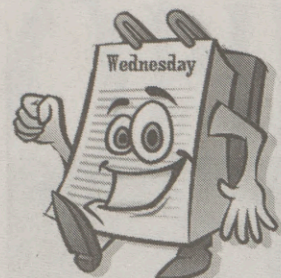
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## Wilmington Calendar:

### Take a hike . . . this Friday at Harold Parker

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**Breakfast with Santa**  
Sunday, Dec. 1  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 Middlesex Ave.

The Wilmington Sons of Italy is once again sponsoring Breakfast with Santa on Sunday morning, December 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wilmington. There will be two seatings: 8:30 - 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. The menu includes scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, waffles, cereal, milk, juice, and coffee. Tickets are limited and cannot be purchased at the door. Please call 978-657-7734 to reserve yours now.

**Ipswich River Community Chorus Concert**

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4 p.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 235 Park St. in North Reading

Save the date for the upcoming holiday show of the Ipswich River Com-

munity Chorus "There's No Business Like Snow Business." Their prestigious director, Johnny Nichols Jr., has prepared a show stopping arrangement of songs and melodies from familiar movies and musicals that you've heard throughout the years including "White Christmas," "The Grinch," "Home Alone," "The Nutcracker," "Amahl and the Night Visitors," and many more. You'll surely recognize old time favorites such as "Hallelujah," "Silver Bells," "Peace on Earth," and "I'll Be Home for Christmas." They'll also get you swaying in your seats to "Spirit of the Season," "Welcome Christmas," and "Christmas Time is Here." For tickets, email: [IpswichRiverCommunityChorus@gmail.com](mailto:IpswichRiverCommunityChorus@gmail.com) or call Beth at 978-664-3275. General admission is \$20. Senior tickets are \$15 and children's tickets are free.

**Wilmington Sons of Italy Christmas Dinner Dance**  
Saturday, Dec. 28  
Elks Hall, 777 South St. in Tewksbury

The Wilmington Sons of Italy is sponsoring a gala Christmas-time dinner dance on Saturday, Dec. 28. The features cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by a catered surf and turf dinner prepared by Mr. Jack's of Billerica served family style at 7 p.m. The menu includes cheese and crackers, chicken soup, salad, cheese ravioli in marinara sauce, baked stuffed had-dauce, roast beef of sirloin, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter, and coffee. Vanilla ice cream with strawberries and Italian cookies from Mirabella's Bakery will be on each table. The cost is \$60 per person and includes dinner musical entertainment by Street Magic Acappella. After dinner will be surprises and dancing to the musical stylings of

Lori and Bill McLaughlin. For tickets, call Michele at 978-658-8284.

**Knights of Columbus Cribbage**

Mondays through March 2020 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wilmington Knights of Columbus, 112 Middlesex Ave.

The Wilmington Knights of Columbus is hosting Cribbage games every Monday night through the end of March 2020. The games are open to the general public (over 21) and begin promptly at 7 p.m. and generally finish up around 9 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. There is a small entrance fee and cash prizes are awarded every week. The club has wide screen TVs so that you can keep track of your favorite teams. A cash bar is available for those who would like refreshment. The building is located behind St. Thomas church and can be reached by the small access road behind the church parking lot. Access to the building is through the entrance at the rear of the parking lot. If you have any questions,

please call Bob at 978-851-4985. If he does not answer the phone, please leave a message and he will get back to you.

**Alateen**

The first and third Thursday of each month

St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main St.

When there is evidence of alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens who know exactly how you feel. The meetings are confidential and a safe place to share experiences, strength, and hope with each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on

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**Safety seat installation**  
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Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street

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### It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Getting Town Hall ready for the holidays - The Tewksbury Garden Club prepares the wreaths and bows which decorate town hall each holiday season. Pictured from left are Pat Takach, Ellie Denault, Trish Briggs, Pam Meroski, Connie Monaco, Judi Dziadosz, and Bonnie Hoefer. (Courtesy photo)

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**Tewksbury Common Tree Lighting**  
Friday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.

Tewksbury Town Common  
Come and see the annual tree lighting in the town common.

**Tewksbury Public Library Festival of Trees Gala**

Saturday, Dec. 7 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Tewksbury Public Library  
Join the library for a fun evening of music and drama. Jeannie Mack will perform an interactive musical concert for children and families. Then the Delvena Theatre Company will perform a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Refreshments will be served. See over forty decorated trees and wreaths for free.

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**St. William's 2019 Christmas Fair**  
Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

St. William's Church, 1351 Main Street

The fair includes raffles, a snack bar, greens, and Santa's Workshop. For more information, visit [Stwilliamsfair.com](http://Stwilliamsfair.com).

**Free Recycling Event**  
Thursday, Nov. 14 from 1 - 6 p.m.

Whole Foods Market, 40 Railroad St. in Andover

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# Lifestyle

## Black Friday, Cyber Monday

Get your holiday shopping done the weekend after Thanksgiving

By HEATHER BURNS  
News Correspondent

**A**s you clear the dishes from the table and put away the remains of your Thanksgiving feast, there is only one thing on your mind... or maybe two.

The first thing might be "Is there any more leftover pumpkin pie?"

The second thing must be "I'm ready for Black Friday shopping!"

But are you really prepared for the largest retail shopping time of the year?

Americans are expected to spend approximately \$87 billion dollars on Black Friday shopping this year.

This figure includes early bird shoppers that start shopping right from the dinner table on Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday (which is comparable to Black Friday but for online shoppers.) This means that Black Friday shopping is no longer a single day event, but rather a Thanksgiving weekend event.

There are plenty of discounts to be had both in stores and online during this weekend, but typically, Black Friday is known for great deals on electronics and small appliances, while Cyber Monday historically offers bet-

ter deals on clothing and toys.

Keep in mind that Black Friday shopping is not a sport for the faint-hearted. In order to receive optimum discounts for your holiday purchases, it requires much more research and preparation than the average trip to the mall.

First and foremost, make a list and prioritize your shopping list by order of importance. This will put the "must find" items on your internal radar, so you can focus your efforts on finding them first.

Always have a back up plan. There will be an instance when the items you are looking for are not



▲ You might want to wait until Cyber Monday for the best deals on clothing, but Black Friday will provide sales on many products.



▲ Do your homework and study Black Friday Ads before you shop

available. Add a second item to your list, just in case you can't find the one you really want.

Do your homework by studying ads both in print and online. Use websites and apps that will compare prices for you like Consumers Reports, Google Shopping, Shopkick or Shopzilla.

You can also try getting "social" with your favorite retailers. Check out Facebook pages, Instagram, and Twitter feeds of retailers to find exclusive deals and promotions.

Organize any coupons, store credits or membership cards you may need for your shopping excursion, and keep them all in one place (like an envelope or zip lock bag) and then put it in your car. This will avoid you leaving it on the kitchen counter when you leave the house at four in the morning to start your holiday shopping.

Once you figure out what you need and where to get it, then you need to decide if you are shopping online

or in stores.

For die-hard Black Friday shoppers, nothing gets the adrenaline pumping like hitting the pavement early and getting the satisfaction of having those holiday deals in hand at the moment of purchase. If you are planning on going to the stores, start early or shop late.

Some retailers will open at midnight Thursday, others at 5 a.m. on Friday, so check ads for your favorite stores or malls Black Friday start times. Most shoppers start early in the morning and then run out of steam by late afternoon, making after 5 p.m. on Black Friday less crowded.

Consider leaving the kids at home. You wouldn't bring little ones to work and expect to get anything accomplished, so don't think you will get your shopping done if you bring them to Black Friday shopping either. Let them enjoy the day off from school at home with a grandparent or friend while you take care of business!

Plan a route for your shopping trip so you won't be driving all over New England, wasting precious shopping time in the car.

Don't rely on those attractively priced doorbuster deals for hot items like TVs, video games and electronics. Quite often the store will only have a few of these items, and if you are not one of the first people in line, they will be gone in minutes, with no rain checks offered to disappointed shoppers.

It may sound like common sense advice, but don't forget to eat and drink while shopping. All that Thanksgiving food will only keep you going for so long, then you will start to get irritable and lose focus. If you don't want to stop for a snack, bring one with you, as well as a bottle of water.

If you are planning on doing your Black Friday shopping in your PJ's from the comfort of your couch, then you can start shopping as early as Thanksgiving eve, and shop straight through Cyber Monday (but I don't recommend doing that without stopping for food, sleep, and bathroom breaks!)

When shopping online, be sure to check online Black Friday and Cyber Monday ads in advance to get the best deals. Look for retailers offering free shipping, as shipping costs can add up quickly, making a dent in your shopping budget.

Also be prepared for technical malfunctions when shopping online on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Sometimes the volume of traffic will cause a retail website to temporarily crash, so be patient!

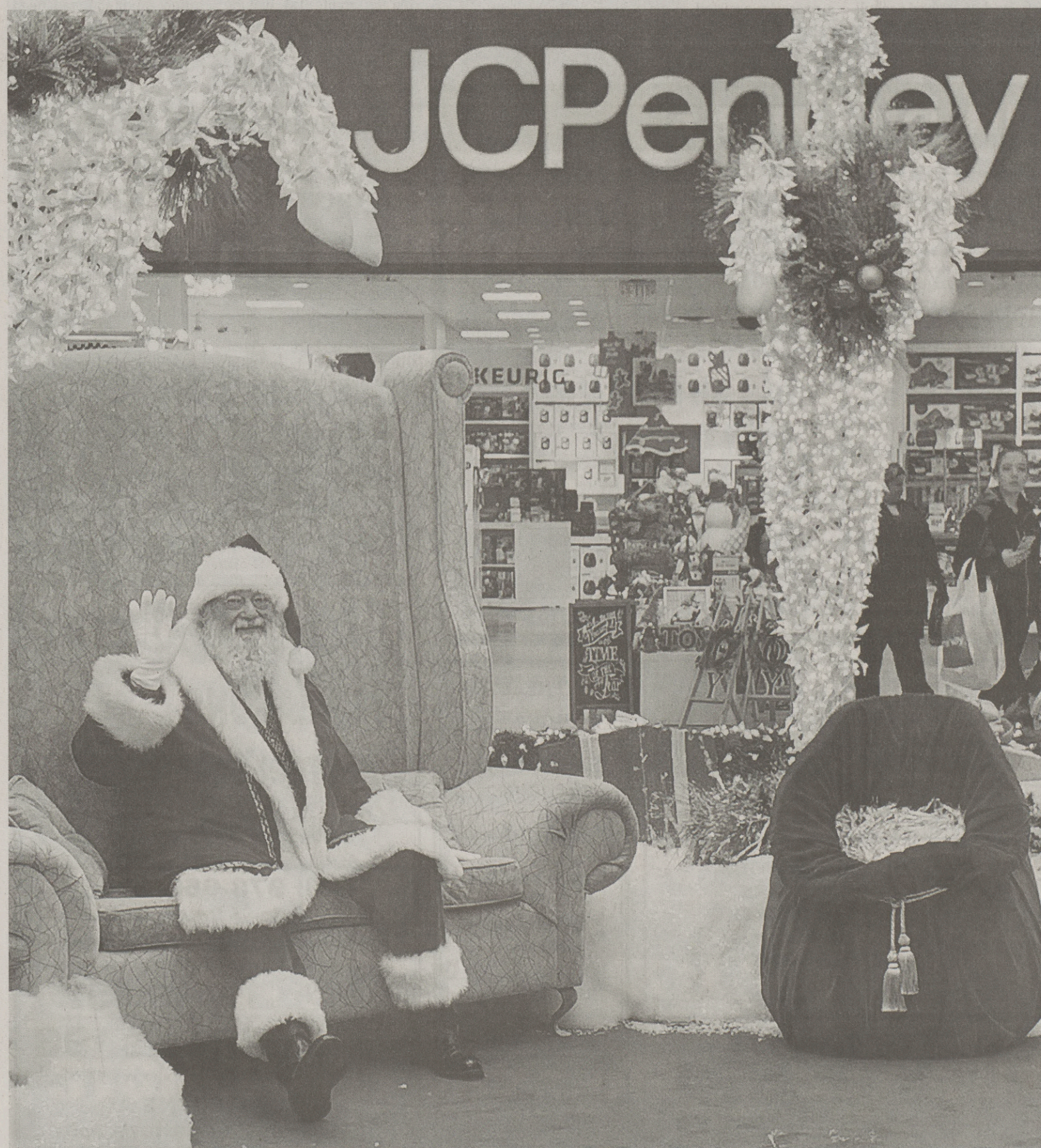
Weather you are shopping online or in stores, always know the return policies before you purchase, because we all know that "the perfect gift" isn't always perfect. You don't want to find out after the holiday that the return or exchange policy isn't what you thought.

Keep in mind throughout all the hustle and bustle of the holiday shopping season, that it truly is the thought that counts, so don't stress about finding those perfect gifts.

During this Black Friday weekend, if you choose to shop at the stores and malls, take a breath and enjoy the hustle and bustle of shopping amongst the Christmas sights and sounds of the mall. Stop for a bite to eat or maybe a visit with Santa.

If you choose to stay at home, sit by the fire, turn on some holiday "mood" music, and relax while you chip away at your ever growing shopping list.

Either way, as of Thanksgiving Day, there are only 27 shopping days left until Christmas!



▲ Santa at the Rockingham Mall in Salem, NH (Heather Burns photos)





## Tewksbury Police Log

### Lowell woman charged with shoplifting for third time

Monday, November 18

8:35 a.m. - Caller reported a possibly intoxicated party at Market Basket North. Police and ambulance sent. They transported to Saints Hospital. Officer was on board and reported to follow.

8:10 p.m. - Employee for Extended Stay America reported unwanted male in room #329. He was heavily intoxicated and was banging on the walls. Police sent and one was in protective custody.

Tuesday, November 19

4:33 a.m. - Police out at Police Headquarters for marked lanes violation. Bremon Jacinto-Guerrero, 39, of 104 South Highland St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with three counts of possess/use false/stolen RMV document, identity fraud, arrestee furnish to law enforcement false ID information, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, false statement to obtain credit card, marked lanes violation, and failure to signal.

9:03 p.m. - A 911 call for a beagle running in the middle of the road at Shawshen Street and Amos Street heading towards Main Street. Police sent. They checked the area, but could not find the beagle. Second caller reported the dog was in the care of a dog sitter on Cynthia Road. When it got out, dog sitter's information was listed.

10:44 p.m. - A caller found a lost dog at Shawshen Street. The caretaker no longer has eyes on the missing dog.

Wednesday, November 20

4:30 p.m. - A 911 call from an Uber driver reported she was parked on the street in front of Charne Road when the homeowner came out of the house and started yelling at her. Police sent. Both parties were spoken to. Officer filed a report.

5:49 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver at Lee Street and Farmer Avenue. Police sent. The operator was having an issue with their headlights. Units

were cleared.

7:09 p.m. - A piece of construction equipment had been running since 9 a.m. at Border Road. Police sent. They spoke with the workers who said they would be shutting it down for the night.

Thursday, November 21

4:45 a.m. - Home owner reported the dog was bleeding profusely from being attacked by something in the backyard at Tanglewood Avenue. Police sent. Officer reported dog got attacked by a coyote. Homeowner brought the dog to the animal hospital.

6:31 a.m. - Police off at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Thomas Lawless, 38, of 148 Beach Road in Salisbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operation motor vehicle with suspended license, a warrant for attempting to commit a crime, and a warrant for drug possess class A drugs.

12:03 p.m. - Employee at Oakdale Liquors reported an unwanted male. Police

sent. The male party had a warrant. David Gonsalves, 56, of 19 Bakerville Road in South Dartmouth, was arrested and charged with a warrant for OUI liquor and a warrant for by law violation.

1:17 p.m. - The woman at the entrance to Walmart who holds a sign for money was yelling profanity at the caller. Police sent but gone on arrival.

1:52 p.m. - A 911 call for a disturbance in the basement of St William's Church and Parish Center, intoxicated male. Police sent. They took the male in protective custody. Officer filed a report.

3:27 p.m. - Tewksbury State Hospital Campus Police reported the Saunders Building State Hospital court committee male escaped from Saunders. Black male, heavy build, wearing a white shirt and dark pants, last seen at 2:45 p.m. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Friday, November 22

6:38 a.m. - Police out at

Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Tara Divoll, 33, of 18 Observatory Ave. in Haverhill, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possess class A drugs.

12:59 p.m. - Police sent to Manchester Police Department to pick up a prisoner. Kyle Cripps, 50, of 9 Sanders Road in Hudson, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant for violate abuse order.

8:09 p.m. - A 911 caller for an argument at Holiday Inn. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

10:58 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a party in a white SUV driving erratically in the parked lot at Main Street. He was last seen leaving South Bound. Police were notified. The area were checked but gone on arrival.

Saturday, November 23

12:49 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at River Road and Hood Road. Luis Perez, 28, of 141 John St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and motor vehicle lights violation.

2 a.m. - A 911 caller reported about 20 people and five cars at Mobil Stadium Plaza and a fight took place with possible fire-

arms. Police sent. Dimitri Solis, 19, of 14 Roosevelt Tower in Cambridge, was arrested and charged with carry without license firearm and possess ammunition without fid card.

6:44 a.m. - Police sent at Motel 6 to serve an arrest warrant. Jonathan Gahinet, 24, of 85 Gershom Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for malicious destruction of property.

3:38 p.m. - The manager from Market Basket North requested assistance with a female shoplifter. Police sent. Christine Oliver, 46, of 21 Agawam St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with third offense shoplifting by concealing.

Sunday, November 24

12:54 a.m. - Police out at Route 495 North with a motor vehicle all over the road. Emmanuel Cervantes, 34, of 435 South St. in Reading, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

6:11 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Mehki Downing, 20, of 136 Fort Hill Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Several parties arrested for operating under the influence

Monday, November 18:

3:47 a.m.: Angel Guzman, 38, of 52 Osgood St. in Lawrence was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol.

2:32 p.m.: A Ford F-150 and a Mazda 6 were in a collision at the intersection of Shawshen Avenue and Aldrich Road. No one was injured.

4:29 p.m.: The Department of Public Works jumped a police cruiser's battery after it experienced an issue.

4:54 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Ford Econoline and a Ford Taurus. No one was injured.

Tuesday, November 19:

6:44 a.m.: A Honda Civic crashed on I-93 before Exit 39 and had to be towed.

7:25 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Honda Accord and a Honda Civic occurred at the intersection of Shawshen Avenue and Nichols Street. Both vehicles were towed.

10:12 a.m.: A trash truck got in a collision with a Honda CR-V on Andover Street.

Wednesday, November 20:

8:29 a.m.: Animal Control disposed of a deceased turkey on Lowell Street.

8:47 a.m.: Animal Control retrieved an injured seagull from the vicinity of TJ Maxx on Main Street.

3:37 p.m.: Airbags were deployed in a collision involving a Toyota Camry and a Hyundai Sonata prior to Exit 41 on I-93.

Thursday, November 21:

3:54 a.m.: The Department of Public Works was called in to sand the road after icy conditions caused a Chevrolet Silverado to crash on Route 62. The vehicle was towed, but no one was injured.

6:08 a.m.: The owner of a Ford Explorer reported skidding on ice and hitting a rock at the intersection of Woburn Street and Eames Street. The vehicle got stuck on the rock until a passerby assisted in dislodging it. The vehicle's bumper and radiator were damaged but it remained

drivable.

7:40 a.m.: A Ford F-150 rear ended a GMC Sierra on Glen Road, doing minor damage to its bumper.

4:54 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Woburn Street involving a Toyota Corolla and a Ford Taurus. No injuries were reported.

8:21 p.m.: The Water Department was called in to stop a leak at the Wilmington Builders Supply Company on Industrial Way. Three water gates were closed but the leak did not stop. The Water Department consulted with additional sources and went back to fix the issue.

Friday, November 22:

5:06 p.m.: A Ford F-150 was in a collision with a Toyota Camry at the intersection of Concord Street and Ramp 39. The driver of the Camry's license was suspended at the time. No one was injured in the collision.

6:25 p.m.: Charles Quinton, 57, of 2 Summer St. was arrested for driving with his license suspended, a stop sign violation, and a seatbelt violation. He was later bailed.

8:14 p.m.: A Ford F-150 struck and killed a deer at the intersection of Forest Street and Burlington Avenue. The driver was not injured. The deer was left on the sidewalk until it could be picked up.

10:22 p.m.: Daniel Grammer Jr., 36, of 500 Paddock Lane. in Boxborough was arrested after he was spotted on Route 125 driving erratically with a tail light out. He was charged with driving with a suspended

license, marked lanes violation, and miscellaneous vehicle equipment violations.

Saturday, November 23:

6:11 p.m.: Shawn Lynch, 53, of 3 Columbia Road in Tewksbury was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop when indicated, and marked lanes violation. Lynch had been seen driving a Buick Lucerne across lanes and between vehicles on the highway, driving across lawns, and driving on the wrong side of the road. He was later bailed.

7:56 p.m.: John Mannion, 63, of 15 Memory Lane in Billerica was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation. Mannion had been swerving on the highway with no headlights on. He was later bailed.

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### Planning Board hearing on elementary school project moved to Dec. 16

TEWKSBURY — The Planning Board's public hearing on the Site Plan Special Permit for the elementary school project has been rescheduled.

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board has continued the public hearing from Dec. 2, 2019 at 7 a.m. to Dec. 16, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main St., Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by the Town of Tewksbury for a Site Plan Special Permit for a

proposed new elementary school to be constructed on the site with the existing John F. Ryan Elementary School as shown on plans filed with this board.

Said property is located at 135 Pleasant St., Assessor's Map 47, Lot 40 zoned Municipal.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main St., Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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## Food safety tips for your holiday turkey

Handling poultry (chickens and turkey) incorrectly and undercooking it are the most common problems that lead to foodborne disease outbreaks linked to poultry. Follow these four tips to help you safely prepare your next holiday turkey meal.

### 1. Thaw Your Turkey Safely

Thaw turkeys one of these ways:

In the refrigerator in a container.

In a leak-proof plastic bag in a sink of cold water (change the water every 30 minutes), or

In the microwave, following the microwave oven manufacturer's instructions.

Never thaw your turkey by leaving it out on the counter. A thawing turkey must defrost at a safe temperature. When the turkey is left out at room temperature for more than two hours, its temperature becomes unsafe. Bacteria can grow rapidly in the "danger zone" between 40°F and 140°F.

### 2. Handle Your Turkey the Right Way

Raw poultry can contaminate anything it touches with harmful bacteria. Follow the four steps to food safety — clean, separate, cook, and chill — to prevent the spread of bacteria to your food, family, and friends.

**3. Cook Stuffing Thoroughly**  
Cooking stuffing separately from the turkey in a casserole dish makes it easy to be sure it is thoroughly cooked. If you cook stuffing in the turkey, put the stuffing in the turkey just before cooking.

With either cooking method, use a food thermometer to make sure the stuffing's center reaches 165°F. Bacteria can survive in stuffing that has not reached 165°F and may then cause food poisoning. If you cook stuffing in the turkey, wait 20 minutes after taking the bird out of the oven before removing the stuffing; this

allows it to cook a little more. Learn more about how to prepare stuffing safely external icon.

### 4. Cook Your Turkey Thoroughly

Set the oven temperature to at least 325°F. Place the completely thawed turkey in a roasting pan that is 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep. Cooking times will vary depending on the weight of the turkey. Use a food thermometer to make sure the turkey has reached a safe internal temperature of 165°F. Check by inserting a food thermometer into the center of the stuffing and the thickest portions of the breast, thigh, and wing joint. Even if your turkey has a pop-up temperature indicator, you should still use a food thermometer to check that it is safely cooked.

Let the turkey stand 20 minutes before removing all stuffing from the cavity and carving the meat. Learn more about safe minimum cooking temperatures and how to use a food thermometer for turkey and other foods.

### Take Care of Leftovers

The bacteria *Clostridium perfringens* grows in cooked foods left at room temperature. It is the second most common bacterial cause of food poisoning. The major symptoms are vomiting and abdominal cramps within 6 to 24 hours after eating.

*Clostridium perfringens* outbreaks occur most often in November and December.

Many of these outbreaks have been linked to foods commonly served during the holidays, such as turkey and roast beef.

Refrigerate leftovers at 40°F or colder as soon as possible and within two hours of preparation to prevent food poisoning. Slice or divide big cuts of meat, such as a roast turkey, into small quantities for refrigeration so they will cool quickly. Reheat all leftovers to at least 165°F before serving.



### Veterans pie sale fundraiser at Bayberry at Emerald Court

Bayberry at Emerald Court in Tewksbury honors veterans with a home made pie sale. Bayberry Marketing and Sales Director Andre Geoffroy with US Army Vet. Bill Becker, US Marine Jerry Jack, Bayberry Sous Chef Jessica Lavoie and US Army Vet Joseph Casstriotta.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

## State and local fire officials launch cooking safety campaign for the holidays

Cooking is the leading cause for home fires and injuries, and so State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Chief Dennis Condon, president of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts (FCAM) are urging residents to use caution while cooking in a statewide cooking fire safety public awareness campaign. This campaign has two main messages to prevent home fires: Stand by Your Pan to prevent cooking fires and Put a Lid on It to safely put grease fires out.

"Cooking is the number one cause of fires in Massachusetts but they spike during the winter holiday season," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey "Leaving pots and pans unattended can be a recipe for disaster. So it is important to always stay in the kitchen when cooking."

The Department of Fire Services has developed public services announcements (PSAs) to educate the public on the importance of standing by your

pan in the kitchen. They feature firehouse chefs from Holyoke and Methuen talking about cooking safety and sharing their favorite recipes. Lt. Maria Pelchar from Holyoke provides us with her recipe in Spanish.

The PSA's serve up two key messages on cooking safety in these television and radio spots: "Stand by Your Pan" to prevent fires and "Put a Lid on It" to put out a stovetop fire.

"Safety is the key ingredient in any recipe. The leading cause of fire injuries to everyone and especially to seniors is cooking," said Chief Condon, "which is why it is important to put a lid on a stovetop fire."

He suggests keeping a pot lid or cookie sheet handy when cooking.

Important cooking safety tips:

- Stand by your pan, when cooking. Never leave food, grease or oils cooking on the stovetop unattended.
- Put a lid on it. In the case of a pan fire, slide the

lid on it to smother the fire, and then turn off the heat. Do not move the pan until it has cooled off.

- Water or fire extinguishers will not work. They will only spread the fire.

- Never move a burning pan. You can be badly burned or spread the fire.

- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking, because loose fitting clothing can easily catch on fire.

- If your clothing catches fire, Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll to put out the flames.

According to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS), there were 9,816 residential fires in Massachusetts involving cooking in 2018, which resulted in one civilian death, 46 civilian injuries, 29 firefighter injuries and an estimated \$5.4 million in property damage. Cooking is also the leading cause of injuries to older adults (people over the age of 65).

Some public housing authorities have started in-

stalling smart burners on stoves that limit the temperature burners can reach. They get hot enough to boil water but not hot enough to ignite a piece of paper. Another safety device that can be installed is an in-hood fire extinguisher. They contain an extinguishing agent in a small can installed by magnets in the hood over the stove.

There are many examples of these devices putting out stove top fires in Massachusetts. The clean-up is minimal compared to a fire.

State and local fire officials are asking the public's help in reducing the number of cooking fires this holiday season.

"We're challenging the public to reduce cooking fires this year by remembering to stay in the kitchen when frying, boiling and broiling, and checking on baking frequently," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey.

For more information, please visit [www.mass.gov/cookingsafety](http://www.mass.gov/cookingsafety).

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# Tewksbury Library's Festival of Trees opening night gala

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Public Library is holding its annual Festival of Trees Opening Night Gala on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The library, located at 300 Chandler St., promises a fun, festive night for all ages.

This free evening of holiday entertainment will include:

- Nearly 50 Christmas Trees and wreaths on display throughout the building. Each is decorated by a local non-profit, school, church, business or town department.

- A Holiday Family Concert with performer Jeanne Mack at 6:15 p.m. Come sing and act out songs about making snowmen, twirling around like snowflakes, sledding down hills, and drinking hot chocolate.

- A production of "A Christmas Carol" from the Delvena Theatre Company at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy this award-winning retelling of the Charles Dickens classic, complete with Christmas music and period costumes.

- Letters to Santa
- Scavenger hunts for all ages

- Cider and cookies from the Friends of the Tewksbury Library

- A "Taste of Tewksbury"

Tree — featuring gift certificates from local restaurants — will be raffled off by the Friends of the Library, as will two hand-made quilts.

The Gala is sponsored by the library's staff, Board of Trustees, and Friends of the Library, along with support from the Tewksbury Cultural Council.

The library will also be hosting a sensory friendly Festival of Trees viewing on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy a quiet time to view the trees, enjoy refreshments, and participate in a scavenger hunt for families with members who are sensitive to sensory overload and/or are on the autism spectrum.

The library has planned many special holiday events to encourage residents to visit and view the trees and wreaths, which will be in display throughout the entire month of December. These events include:

- Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.: A Victorian Christmas: A One-Woman Play. Travel back in time to Christmas 1895 with Victoria Yule (actress Anne Barrett) as your hostess.

- Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.: Lessons Learned From "A Christmas Carol."

Motivational speaker Dustin Pari takes the timeless Dickens' classic and explores the underlying themes & the dynamic relationships of the characters.

- Monday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.: Christmas On Broadway. Enjoy an evening of Broadway music, Christmas sing-alongs, door prizes, & a special appearance by Santa, featuring Esmerelda Clump (Carol Anne Robitaille).

- Tuesday, Dec. 10 at noon: Don't Get Ripped Off This Holiday Season. Learn how to best utilize all of the Better Business Bureau's free programs and services to help make more educated and informed consumer decisions. Led by Amy Schram, BBB Community Relations Manager.

- Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.: Holiday Concert with the Merrimack Valley Chorus. After headlining our Festival of Trees Opening Night Gala for several years, the Merrimack Valley Chorus returns for another one of their popular a cappella holiday concerts.

- Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m.: Holiday A Cappella Carolers. Sing along to your favorite holiday songs set to beautiful three & four-part har-

mony and revel in the holiday cheer with carolers from the Community Music Center of Boston!

- Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.: Holiday De-Stress For Teens. Stressed about the holidays? Overwhelmed with school, sports and more? Join us in a relaxing space to color, unwind and pet therapy dogs. Grades 6-12.

- Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.: Learn The Basics Of eBay This Holiday Season. Discover how to make some cash from unwanted gifts & de-cluttering before or after the holidays. Led by certified eBay Educational Specialist Robbin Levin.

- Monday, Dec. 16 at 3:30 p.m.: Teen Gingerbread Cookie Decorating. Hungry for creativity and some friendly competition? Come

by to decorate your own gingerbread cookie. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited. Registration is required. Grades 6-12.

- Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.: Holiday Concert with The Gentlemen Songsters. The Gentlemen Songsters, the Lowell chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, promise a wonderful evening of a cappella holiday music.

- Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.: The History of Christmas in New England. Enjoy an illustrated lecture tracing the development of the celebration of Christmas in the area from the 17th century to today. Led by Historic New England's Ken Turino.

- Saturday, Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.: Multi-Generational Holiday Ce-

lebration. Make gifts for your loved ones, watch some classic holiday movies, enjoy delicious snacks, and wrap your gifts! There will be gift wrapping all day. Supplies will be provided by the library. Visit the library's online calendar for the day's lineup of films and activities.

While the Festival of Trees Opening Night Gala is a drop-in event that does not require registration, it is strongly recommended to register for the rest of the above events as space is limited. To register, visit the library's online calendar of events at [www.tewksburypl.org](http://www.tewksburypl.org), contact librarian Robert Hayes at 978-640-4490 x 205 or [rhayes@tewksburypl.org](mailto:rhayes@tewksburypl.org), or visit any of the library's desks.

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### LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket 19 SM 004012

#### ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Gerard A. Kulevich;  
Jessica M. Kulevich

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 (et seq):

PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 71 Middlesex Avenue, given by Gerard A. Kulevich and Jessica M. Kulevich to First Franklin

a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, dated July 21, 2005, and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19024, Page 262, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 30, 2019 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on November 14, 2019

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder

(19-001899 Orlans)  
191408 11/27/19

### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
BOARD OF APPEALS

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 21-19  
Golden Realty Trust  
Map 84, Parcel 21  
16 Longview Road

To Acquire a Special Permit \$61.64 to raze and construct a new nonconforming structure

Case 22-19  
John and Cicely Sullivan  
Map 53, Parcel 10B  
22 King Street Extension

To Acquire a Variance \$10.6 to extend a non-conforming structure

193090 11/20, 27/19

### LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

19 SM 005519

#### ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Beth-Anne Johnson

And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50. § 3901 (et seq):  
BankUnited N.A

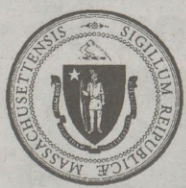
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 12 Tomahawk Drive, given by Beth-Anne Johnson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Clearpoint Funding, Inc., dated April 9, 2010, and recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23868, Page 259, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement dated August 14, 2013 and recorded at said Registry in Book 27804, Page 224 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 30, 2019, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on November 14, 2019.

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141

NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. MI19P5055GD

In the interests of:  
Caydin C. Carney  
of Wilmington, MA  
Minor

#### NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/04/2019 by Kathleen M. Teahan of Wilmington, MA will be held 02/12/2020 10:00 AM Review Hearing Located 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge MA 02141

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: November 20, 2019  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
191404 11/27/19

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## Oodles of seasonal gifts at Shawsheen Holiday Fair

Hundreds of holiday shoppers flocked to Shawsheen Tech Saturday for the largest Holiday Fair in the area.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

## Homework policy still work in progress

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work," said Brand.

The homework policy will be revisited in greater detail at a December meeting of the School Committee.

In addition to homework policy discussion, Brand updated the committee on other procedural updates taking place in the district. One update is the continual work taking place in the area of value-setting. According to Brand, values setting at the high school level is primarily contained within the Wildcat CIRCLE of values (community, inclusivity, respect, col-

laboration, learning, and engagement).

Value-setting at the elementary level has a higher degree of variation throughout the district, according to Brand.

"There's been a lot of foundational work... at our elementary levels in particular around our development of values through the PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) program," said Brand.

Members of the committee noted possible modifications to these policies. Committee member David Ragsdale suggested

that age level may need to play a more significant role in value-setting.

"The values seem much more aligned at the elementary level by what side of town we're looking at than the age or the grade level we're looking at," said Ragsdale.

Committee Chair Jennifer Bryson also noted that some of the value categorization could possibly be over-simplified.

"I think this inclusivity is attached to being kind," said Bryson. "I wonder if we want to sort of think about (this) as something separate."

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**2017 Kia Sorento LX 4 Cyl.** \$20,498

K2777, Auto., 3rd Row, Conv. Pkg., Silver, 24K mi.

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K2748, 3rd Row, Auto., Silver, 36K miles

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K2799, Auto., Gray, 15K miles

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K2692A, Auto., Gray, 43K miles

**2019 Kia Niro LX** \$22,698

K2783, Auto., White, 10K miles

**2018 Subaru Crosstrek Premium** \$22,998

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**2017 Kia Sportage EX Base** \$23,598

K2751, Auto., Mineral Silver, 17K miles

**2017 Kia Sportage EX Premium** \$23,998

K2795XX, Teck Package, Auto., Silver, 28K miles

**2017 Kia Sorento EX V6 AWD** \$24,598

K2767, Premium, Auto., Black, 36K miles

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K2765, Premium, Auto., White Pearl, 28K miles

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**2016 Kia Sedona EX** \$27,998

K2738, Auto., Snow White Pearl, 22K miles

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## Wilmington resident receives Rising Star award

SALEM — Stephanie Morey-Barry '12 of Wilmington has been chosen as the 2019 Rising Star, presented by the Friends of the School of Education at Salem State University and the Salem State University Alumni Association, for her committed work teaching music and theatrical production.

The Rising Star Award is given out to educators who show that they are making a significant contribution to their school or organization within the first 10 years of their professional career.

Currently teaching at Real School of Music in Andover, Morey-Barry is also an adjunct professor at Northpoint Bible College and directs theatrical productions for all ages at Trinity Evangelical Church, which she attends.

With all the different places that she is passing on her knowledge, it is

clear how her work is already making an impact on those around her.

"I wish I could express fully how much of an impact Stephanie has made on so many children at only 27," said her nominator, Julia Toomey, later saying, "Stephanie has already made a name for herself as a performing arts educator with excellence."

Toomey describes Morey-Barry as a teacher who not only offers knowledge on singing and performance, but also takes a personal interest in each and every one of her students.

"She cares about their feelings and loves them for who they are. So many students leave her voice lessons feeling like stronger and more confident individuals," said Toomey.

Through a method of helping students grow while learning, Morey-



▲ From left are Stephanie Morey-Barry '12, recipient of the Rising Star Award; Kathleen Milligan, recipient of the Dorothy M. Foley '48 Northeast Region Award; Paul Thomas Rabchenuk, JD, recipient of the Dr. Edna Mauriello '44 Lifetime Achievement Award; and Linda Connell '83, '89G, recipient of the Salem State Alumni Award.

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Barry ensures that each student will be the best that they can be. This year, one of her students made it into the All-State Chorus.

Morey-Barry was recognized as part of the Northeast Regional Educators Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem on Thursday, November 14. To learn more, visit [www.salemstate.edu/educatorhof](http://www.salemstate.edu/educatorhof).

Established in 2013, the mission of the Salem State University Northeast Regional Educators Hall of Fame is to honor and recognize exemplary leaders, past and present, in the field of education for their dedication, contributions and service to

their profession. This program serves as a record and inspiration for the next generation of educators.

Salem State University, established in 1854, is a comprehensive, public institution of higher learning located approximately 15 miles north of Boston. One of the largest state universities in the Commonwealth, Salem State enrolls more than 7,500 undergraduate and graduate students.

It offers 32 undergraduate programs and graduate programs that offer degrees in 24 fields. The university also has a continuing education division that offers both credit and

non-credit programs. Known for the academic strength of its faculty, Salem State was named a Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Scholars in 2011 and for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The university is designated a Top College and University by Military Advanced Education and a Best for Vets College by Military Times. Salem State proudly participates in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement and has shown a student voting rate well above the national average, earning the university a silver seal from the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge.

## Beware of home repair scammers

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from WPD also reads that all door-to-door solicitors are required to

be registered with the WPD. While they haven't had any similar reports since they issued the warnings, they want res-

idents to remain alert and prepared to say no.

Suspicious activity can be reported to WPD at 978-658-5071 or 911.

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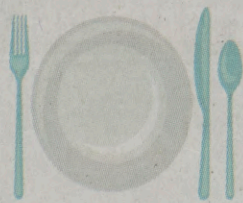
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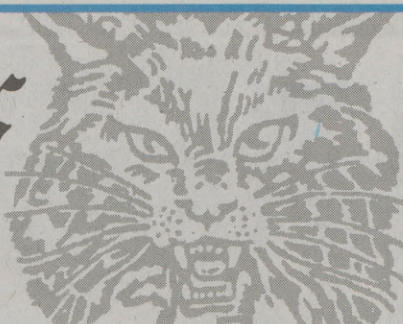
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## New Athletic Director could be named by late February

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

jamiepote@hotmail.com  
WILMINGTON -- A new Wilmington High School Athletic Director could be named by late February with the intentions of starting on July 1, 2020, outlined Superintendent of Schools Dr. Glenn Brand during the School Committee meeting held back on November 13th.

Brand put together a timeline for the position including it being advertised from December 2 to January 4th of 2020. From January 13-24th, initial interviews will be conducted by the Search Committee, and finalists would be announced the week of January 27th.

Over the following three weeks, the finalists will visit Wilmington, there will be site visits to the finalists' home districts and then the finalist will be announced the week of February 24th.

"This timeline will position us very well to be competitive, if not leading, every other district in the area," Brand told the Committee. "I wouldn't say this is too early. It's not late. It's well-timed."

In a memo written to each member of the School Committee, Brand announced in more detail about the search for the school's sixth and new permanent Athletic Director in school history. Currently Ed Harrison is serving on a one-year interim basis, after coming out of retirement to replace Tim Alberts, who held the position for three years before taking off for Triton Regional.

"This will be a wide-open search that will be advertised broadly," said Brand in the memo. "The search process will be inclusive of key stakeholders, thorough, and balanced in terms of gathering feedback and information on potential candidates. This process will provide opportunities throughout for staff and community input that will be considered in the overall decision-making process and my ultimate selection of

the next Director."

The Superintendent added that there will be four parts to the finalizing the search for the right person. He said first, the Search Committee will receive and screen initial applications and make recommendations to Dr. Brand, about which candidates should advance.

Secondly, finalist candidates will spend a full day in the district where they will meet with Wilmington High School staff, students, parents/guardians, and the district's leadership team.

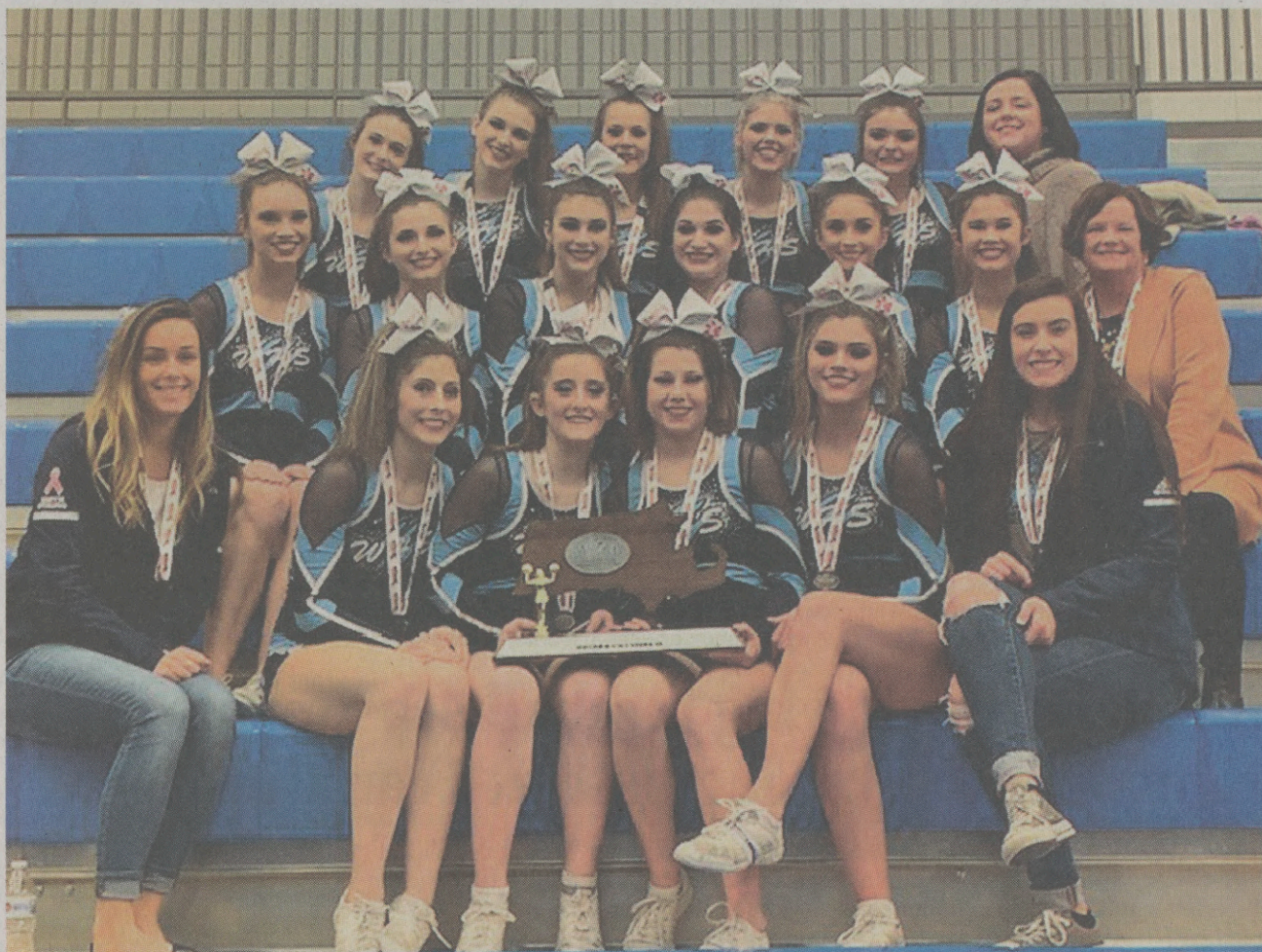
Next, as mentioned earlier, Wilmington School Officials will visit the finalist candidates' current district to gather additional information. Then finally, Dr. Brand will select the next Athletic Director from the finalist candidates.

Brand also noted that the Search Committee, will be run by Human Resources Director Andrea Stern-Armstrong, will consist of two high school students, two parents/guardians, two high school coaches, one high school teacher, one high school administrator, and one district administrator.

Current WHS students, coaches and teachers interested in serving on the Search Committee should contact HR Stern-Armstrong at andrea.armstrong@wpsk12.com by Friday, December 6, 2019.

Parents/guardians interested in serving should contact Sue Murray at susan.murray@wpsk12.com by Friday, December 6, 2019. Selection of parents/guardians will be done through a lottery overseen by the WHS School Council.

Besides members of the community being on the search committee, Dr. Brand said there would be other ways in which residents could be involved in the process, including a survey which will be released next month, as well as "Meet the Finalists" forums, which will take place in early February.



The WHS Varsity Cheerleading team finished second at Sunday's Division 3 State Meet, while, also having the sixth highest score in the entire state. The team includes front row from left, Coach Kelly McGowan, Kaitlyn Howland, Shannon Barrett, Abby Silveira, Alex DiRienzo and coach Kylie Bolarinho; second row from left, Jessica Hayduk, Kendall Estabrook, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Alison Celata, Sofia Donovan, Emersyn Foresyth and coach Deb Smith; and back row Rachel Nally, Julia Campbell, Allie Fogg, Tori Ciampa, Tiffanie Smith and Head Coach Christina Zuccaro. (courtesy photo).

Wilmington has sixth best score out of entire state

## Cheerleaders jump to second place finish

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WORCESTER -- The incredible season has continued for the Wilmington High School cheerleading team. On Sunday morning, the Wildcats placed second at the Division 3 MSAA State Championships held at Worcester State College.

Dracut was the winner of the D3 section with 96.5 points (out of 100), with Wilmington second with 91.6, followed by East Bridgewater (90.1), Burlington (87.7) and then Shawheen Tech (86.6) to round out the top five teams.

Wilmington's impressive score was also the sixth highest across the state, through four divisions, trailing Dracut, Rockland (D4) and then D1 teams Framingham, Franklin and Bridgewater-Raynham.

"It is a great accomplishment for this team, but we knew we were capable of being in the top

as long as we hit our routine," said head coach Christina Zuccaro. "We had some pretty big mistakes earlier in the season, and worked on the corrections needed. Our goal is to be at states every year."

"We knew with a hit and the talent on this team we'd be in contention for a top spot. We have worked very hard to get into the top ten at the states and aim to get better each season."

This year's team returned almost the entire roster from last year, minus one cheerleader, and also added a few talented girls, including freshman Tiffanie Smith.

"We knew we would be strong since most of the team are sophomores with strong gymnastic and cheer backgrounds," said Zuccaro. "Varsity cheering is a big commitment with practices, games, competitions, community events, and balancing their academic workload."

"Many of these girls have part time jobs and Kendall Estabrook, Tori Ciampa and Kaitlyn Gillespie are junior coaches in Pop Warner along with many other teammates who go in to help. Expectations are set high for cheerleaders to be good role models in the community. These 15 ladies put in a lot of work to compete together in

and out of the gym."

That dedication and hard work has helped the Wildcats take first place at the Middlesex League Championships and now second place at both the Division 3 North Sectionals and then the Division 3 state meet.

"Our accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the support of our families and friends throughout the season," said the coach. "Wildcat Cheerleading Alumni stop by to see the girls at games, practices and many travel to watch competitions with their families and friends. Our football team and Pop Warner cheerleaders have come out to watch us compete all season and we appreciate it. Having a large crowd made it more exciting. We thank you all."

In addition to the accomplishments on the mats and in the gymnasiums, the girls also get it done in the classroom.

"We had over half the team make High Honors or Honor Roll," said Zuccaro.

The coach added that Emerson Foresyth, Jessica Hayduk, Rachel Nally and Abigail Silveira all made high honors, while, Alison Celata, Alex DiRienzo, Sofia Donovan and Kaitlyn Howland all made the honor roll.

"There is a lot to be said about their accomplish-

ment and effort," Zuccaro said. "It's not always easy, but the feeling they had coming off that mat yesterday knowing they did the best they could is amazing. There were lots of hugs and happy tears. Myself and the other coaches know we have work to do to get better and stronger. We're not done yet and see a bright future for this team."

Besides Zuccaro, the other coaches include Kelly McGowan, Kylie Bolarinho and Debbie Smith. The roster includes: Kaitlyn Howland, Shannon Barrett, Abby Silveira, Alex DiRienzo, Jessica Hayduk, Kendall Estabrook, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Alison Celata, Sofia Donovan, Emersyn Foresyth, Rachel Nally, Julia Campbell, Allie Fogg, Tori Ciampa and Tiffanie Smith.

### SHAWSHEEN TAKES FIFTH

Shawsheen qualified for a bid to the State Tournament at the Regional Competition. The Varsity team at Shawsheen has Wilmington students Teagan McDonald and Hailey Donovan. They had a great performance helping the team finish fifth at the D3 State Meet.

## Bantam 1's defeat Billerica

On a rainy, soggy Sunday afternoon the Wilmington Youth Hockey Bantam 1 team squared up against arch rival Billerica at the Malden Forum.

The Wildcats were looking to snap a four game losing streak and they did just that with a convincing 2-1 win. Jake McLean played outstanding between the pipes for Wilmington making several great saves.

The determined defensive squad consisted of Mike Maselli, Bobby Cyr, Ryan Quamme, Bobby Dodge and Adam Ebert. All five collectively played solid throughout the game. Wilmington came out of the gate strong and brought the play to Billerica.

Ryan Papineau played center for wingmates Ashley Mercier and William LaMonica, that trio generated some great scoring chances.

The Cats struck first just

under two and a half minutes into the game when Cyr picked off a pass in the neutral zone and charged in, splitting the defense and ripping a quick wrist shot past the Billerica netminder to make it 1-0.

Jason Sousa played a strong, physical game as did wingers Alex Burns and Ryan Murphy buzzing through the attacking zone nearly scoring on a couple of occasions. Billerica battled back with a couple chances of their own only to be stopped by McLean and his steady defense. Wilmington closed out the first period on top 1-0.

In the second period, the Wildcats continued to bring the game to their opponent, breaking the puck out well and making good passes. At 6:52 Brett Gallucci backhanded a pass out of the zone to Brian Banks who chipped the puck to Brett Ebert in the neutral zone. Ebert

blazed up the middle through three defenders and sizzled a shot five hole to put Wilmington up 2-0.

Billerica was back on their heels as the Wildcats continued to put the pressure on. Cyr and Maselli both had nice rushes up ice almost extending the lead. LaMonica had a couple of rebound chances as did Mercier and Burns. Despite Wilmington's effort, Billerica did manage to score with a little under two minutes to go in the period to make it 2-1 at the end of two.

The closing period was controlled by the Wildcats as they continued to pepper the Billerica goal forcing their goalie to make save after save. Wilmington's powerplay was impressive as they moved the puck accurately through the attacking zone making smart, head's up plays and getting the puck to the net.

Billerica's efforts to tie the game were quickly stifled by Wilmington's fierce backchecking, stand up defense and fantastic goaltending. Team work won the game for the Wildcats!

all-stars, including senior captain Ryan Clarke, who was named as one of three 'At Large' players, and then junior Aiden McGrath.

### Clarke and McGrath named All-Stars

The Middlesex League recently announced its all-conference and all-stars in boys soccer.

Two Wilmington players were selected as league

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Last Tuesday, Shawsheen Tech senior Conor Rooney of Wilmington, signed his National Letter of Intent to play lacrosse at Franklin Pierce University. Joining him on this special moment include back row from left, Assistant Lacrosse coach Ryan Woolaver, head coach Chuck Baker, Assistant coach Ryan Hunt, Principal Jessica Cook and Athletic Director Al Costabile; front row with Conor are his parents, Ranee and Tim. (courtesy photo).

## Rooney enjoying big football season; also signs NLI to play lacrosse at Franklin Pierce

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BILLERICA - Senior captain Conor Rooney has been an integral part of the success of the Shawsheen Tech Football team this season, helping to lead them to a Commonwealth Athletic Conference Large School championship as well as a berth in the State Vocational Playoffs this past weekend.

The senior tight end/wide receiver/defensive end has done a little bit of everything for the Rams this season, making big plays all over the field, whether it has been a game sealing interception, a key fumble recovery or a tackle for a loss on a critical fourth down on defense, or a clutch catch for a first down on offense.

And as the Rams prepare to take on Arlington Catholic on Thanksgiving morning, the Rams will be counting on the Wilmington native to once again help lead them to victory with big plays on both sides of the ball. It is something that Shawsheen coach Al Costabile and his staff have grown quite accustomed to.

"He has definitely been a part of some big plays for us," Shawsheen coach Al Costabile said. "He might not have the greatest stats on the team, but he has made plays at critical times and has consistently stepped up for us."

That's not to say that Rooney hasn't put up pretty impressive stats as

well, as he is fifth on the team in tackles with 40 on the season to go along with one interception return for a touchdown as well as one forced fumble and three fumble recoveries, leading the team in the latter category.

He has also been an important part of the Rams offense, where he is second on the team in receptions with 12, for 189 yards and two touchdowns.

But Rooney's real brilliance is what he brings to the team throughout the season in keeping them ready to play at all times.

"He is a true leader by example," Costabile said. "He is such a positive kid and that is so important to a football team. The football season can be such a grind. The ratio of practices to games is so much greater than in other sports, with only one game a week, you need positive people around to keep everyone going through a long season and Conor does a great job with that for our team."

Rooney takes pride in leading his team by example, although he sees nothing special about what he does. It is simply the way he has always played the game, whether it be football or lacrosse, where he was the Rams second leading scorer this past season with 59 goals.

"I just try to give it my all whether I am on the field for a game or practice," Rooney said. I just want to do what is best for my teammates and my friends to help us win."

There have been many

big wins this season for the Rams this season of course on their way to a 9-2 season, mixed in with a couple of tough losses such as last weekend to Assabet Valley, but the season as a whole has been one that Rooney will never forget.

"In general, it has been a great season. We have done a really good job of playing together as a team and as a family," Rooney said "It is always good to play like we do as a family and to have all these guys supporting each other and playing for each other. Winning is nice, but the more important thing is that we are a family."

And that family will be looking to close out their season with a win over Arlington Catholic on Thursday morning. While Rooney believes that family is more important than any win, he and his Shawsheen teammates also know there would be no better way to close out their season, and in the case of the seniors, their careers, than with a win on Thanksgiving Day, which also happens to be Senior Day at Shawsheen.

"Obviously, with it being our last game, we want to go out with a win to show everybody how hard we have been working all season long," Rooney said. "We are going to go out there and play as a unit, and play for each other, not just for ourselves."

As great of a season and as great of a football player that Rooney has turned into the past couple of seasons, it can't be over-

looked that football is not even his best sport. That would be lacrosse. As mentioned above, he was the Rams second leading scorer this past spring and has had an absolutely incredible career for the Rams, scoring 98 career goals (unofficially) during his three years with the Rams.

His outstanding career recently earned him the opportunity to continue his career in college at Franklin Pierce University where he will study Emergency Medical Services, recently signing his National Letter of Intent to play for the Ravens next season. Rooney actually did not play football during his sophomore year at Shawsheen, instead focusing on playing fall lacrosse with Laxachusetts in the hopes of someday being able to play college lacrosse.

That dream has now become a reality, and Rooney could not be happier.

"I have been playing lacrosse since I was in first grade, so Signing Day was really incredible," Rooney said. "My mom, dad and coaches were there, so it was really special. Lacrosse was always a great outlet for me from school, so to be able to play in college is a great opportunity."

Rooney's parents Ranee and Tim will also both be with him on Thanksgiving morning when the Rams take on Arlington Catholic, supporting him as they always have.

"They have always been so supportive me, whether it has been lacrosse or football or school," Rooney said.

On Thursday they will get one more chance to support him on the football field, before it becomes all about lacrosse for Rooney. You better believe he will be going all out to secure a win for himself and for his Rams teammates.

"It would mean the world to me and to the team to end the season and end our careers with a win," Rooney said.

## Rams to face new (but familiar) Thanksgiving foe

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BILLERICA - For the second consecutive season, the Shawsheen Tech Football team will have a new opponent on Thanksgiving Day. After a 25-year rivalry with Greater Lowell came to an end after the 2017 season, the Rams last year squared off against Austin Prep, suffering a 14-8 loss in what turned out to be just a one-year commitment, as Austin Prep chose to move on.

But this season the Rams are hoping to start a new and long lasting Thanksgiving tradition when they host non-league rival Arlington Catholic at 10:15 a.m. at the Charles H. Lyons Athletic Complex.

While the Cougars will be a new Thanksgiving Day rival for the Rams, they are anything but a new rival, as the teams have faced each other for the past 18 years, generally in the first or second week of the season, including last season in Medford when the Rams won in a 16-14 thriller on a 30-yard field goal by Chris Disciscio with just 39 seconds left in the game.

Shawsheen coach Al Costabile is excited to continue his team's rivalry Arlington Catholic and especially excited to do so on Thanksgiving Day against a team and a program that he has such great respect for.

"Last year was kind of a quick fix with Austin Prep, but they had their sights set on setting up a rivalry with St. Mary's on Thanksgiving," Costabile said. "So, Arlington Catholic turned out to be a great fit for us. I have great respect for their coach, Anthony Petrelis, and their athletic director Dan Shine, and their assistant athletic director and former coach, whom I had many great games against, Serge Clivio. He is a great friend of mine, and we have a long history with Serge."

Arlington Catholic will bring just a 2-9 record into Thursday's game against the 9-2 Rams, but Costabile warns that this is no mismatch. The Cougars play in the very challenging Catholic Central Large Conference, where they play a very tough schedule against the likes of Cardinal Spellman, St. Mary's and Division 6 North champion Bishop Fenwick.

The Cougars have also been playing much better as of late, having won two of their last three games, including a 48-20 win over

Boston Latin last week. Two weeks prior to that, they had routed Salem by a score of 47-6.

In each of their recent wins they have been led by outstanding performances by quarterback Paul Hammond, who threw three touchdown passes and ran for another in the win over Salem and threw for four more scores and ran for another against Boston Latin.

Hammond's primary targets will be Jose Davila and Steven DiLeo. Davila caught scoring passes of 79 and 67 yards against Boston Latin, while DiLeo caught a 50-yard touchdown against Boston Latin and a 45-yard strike against Salem.

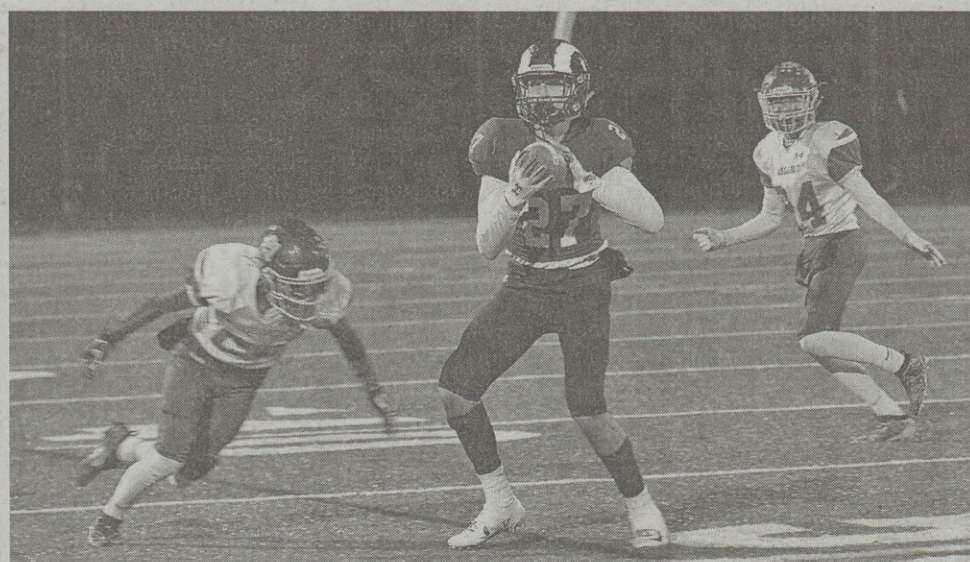
"They are a very explosive offense," Costabile said. "(Hammond) is a very elusive quarterback. We saw them in their win over Boston Latin and they were excellent in that game. They play in a very good league and they are definitely battle tested."

Regardless of the opponent, Costabile knows that his team must play a lot better in Thursday's game than they have played the past couple of weeks. After beating Austin Prep two weeks ago by a score of 41-28 in a penalty filled game, they suffered a tough 28-13 loss this past Friday to Assabet Valley in the semifinals of the State Vocational Playoffs, a game in which they turned the ball over six times.

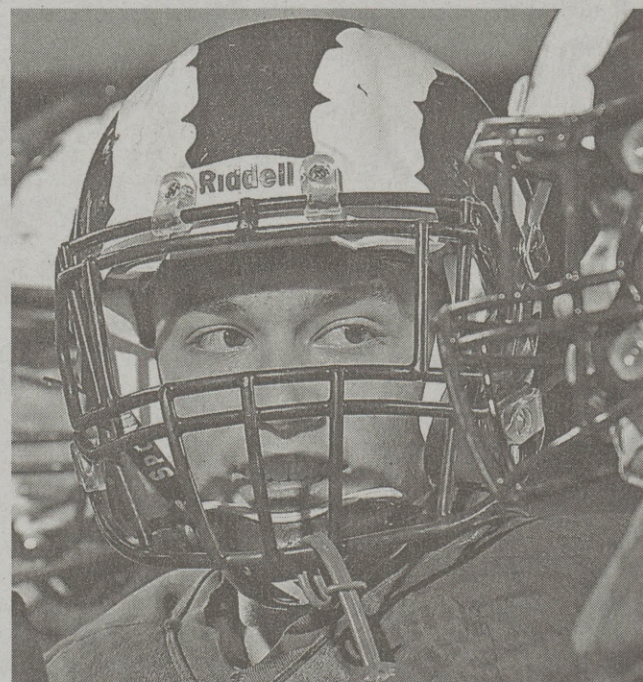
"We definitely hope to play a lot better than we have recently," Costabile said. "We are looking to rebound and to play a solid game and finish up with the season with a win."

One thing certainly working in the Rams favor will be being at home for Thanksgiving for the first time in three years after traveling to Greater Lowell and Austin Prep the past two seasons. Costabile, who has always been a big fan of Thanksgiving football, is looking forward to playing in front of the home crowd on Thursday, which will also be the Rams Senior Day.

"It has been a couple of years since we have been home, so that is a great feeling for us. I always get excited for Thanksgiving. It is a wonderful tradition here in Massachusetts," Costabile said. "The seniors are always up for Thanksgiving Day, and that will be especially true with it being Senior Day. It will be a very emotional last game, and we are looking forward to it."



Shawsheen Tech senior wide out Conor Rooney makes a reception in the team's loss to Assabet during last Thursday's State Voc Playoff game. Assabet's Jake Taylor (left) and Justin Guisti move in to make the tackle. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



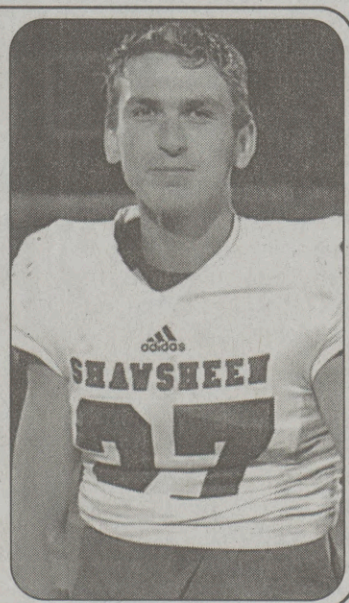
Shawsheen Tech senior captain Anthony D'Ampolo chats it up with a teammate during Thursday's loss to Assabet Valley. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



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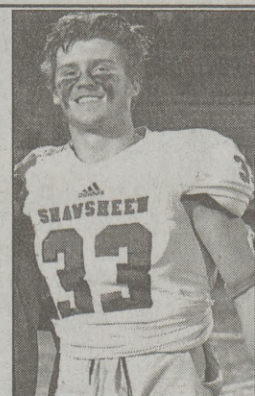


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# Shawsheen defeated by Assabet in State Voc playoff game

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BILLERICA - For the Shawsheen Tech Football team, last Friday night's matchup with Assabet Valley turned into the Murphy's Law of football games, in that anything that possibly could go wrong for the Rams did go wrong in their 28-13 loss in the semi-finals of the Large School Vocational playoffs at Alumni Field.

In an almost unbelievable stretch of misfortune, the Rams turned the ball over six times, including twice fumbling inside the Assabet two-yard line, and fumbling a kickoff return, lost one of their starting running backs in the first quarter and had a kickoff return for a touchdown called back on a penalty.

But despite all of that, the Rams actually had the ball, down by just one touchdown 20-13, with a chance to drive for the game winning score late in the fourth quarter. Unfortunately for the Rams, one more piece of misfortune ended their night when Assabet ended the potential game winning drive with an interception return for a touchdown with just under five minutes left in the game.

"We had more turnovers than a bakery tonight," quipped Shawsheen coach



Shawsheen Tech senior wide receiver Josiah Martinez reaches for the ball and would make a long catch on this play before being caught by and pushed out by Assabet's Nick Carvalho. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Al Costabile moments after seeing his team's post season come to an end. "You can't lose a turnover battle like that and think you are going to beat a good team."

"Assabet is a real good football team and they are very well coached. We left anywhere from 12 to 14 points on the field, and if we don't do that, it could have been a much different game."

No. 3 Assabet (8-2) had taken an early lead over the No. 2 Rams (8-2) on the opening possession of the game, marching 60 yards on six plays and capping the drive with a five-yard run by freshman running back Cole Nelson with 7:40 still remaining in the first quarter to make the score 6-0

after the failed extra point kick.

As well as Assabet had moved the ball in their opening drive, the Rams were equally effective on their possession, marching from their 30-yard line to Aztecs one, behind some great running by Wilmington running backs Dylan Timmons and Diondre Turner (18 carries, 109 yards).

Timmons had a tremendous nine-yard run to give the Rams a first and goal at the one-yard line, nearly getting caught in the backfield before turning on the jets and coming up just short of the goal line.

On the next play, Timmons tried to punch it in with a run up the middle,

but a brutal hit to his shoulder not only forced the ball loose for a fumble recovery by Assabet, but also knocked the Shawsheen star out of the game with an injury, which was a huge blow to the Rams.

Shawsheen did overcome the loss of Timmons on their next drive, marching from the 50-yard line to the Assabet two where once again had a first and goal, but on the very next play another fumble returned the ball to the Aztecs once again, keeping the score at 6-0 midway through the second quarter.

"Not only did we have the turnovers, but they came at real critical times, at the very worst times," Costabile said. "We moved

the ball very well and played well offensively at times, defensively we also played very well at times. We just feel like we should have more to show for it."

Shawsheen would stop Assabet on a fourth down on their next possession on a sack by Santino Garofalo of Tewksbury, and they would once again move into Assabet territory late in the half, but once again they turned the ball over, this time on an interception inside the Assabet ten-yard line.

After shutting down the Rams on the opening possession of the second half, Assabet would extend their lead on a nine play, 59-yard drive capped off by a one yard run by DJ Doucette. The extra point once again failed, but the Aztecs now led 12-0 with 3:30 left in the quarter.

Shawsheen's Josiah Martinez of Wilmington returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for an apparent touchdown, but the play was called back due an illegal block in the back penalty. It didn't matter to the Rams or to Martinez, as they were not going to be denied this time around, getting on the board on a 33-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Chris Disciscio to Martinez on a leaping catch on the final play of the third quarter.

ter. Randy Leavitt's extra point brought the Rams to within 12-7 as the teams headed to the final 12 minutes.

Assabet once again made it a two-score game on an 18-yard run by Justin Giusti with 7:58 left in the game, which coupled with the two point conversion made the score 20-7. Giusti was the third different running back to score for Assabet in the game, highlighting just how difficult the Aztecs are to defend.

Once again Martinez responded by returning the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown, this time from 77 yards out, and this time there were no flags on the play, bringing the Rams within 20-13 after the missed extra point with 7:42 left in the game.

"That was just a great effort by Josiah. What a phenomenal effort, really," Costabile said. "Just tremendous. He really did a great job."

The Shawsheen defense forced Assabet to punt on their next possession and the Rams took over at their own 20-yard line with 5:08 left in the game looking for a game tying or game winning score. But instead, on second down, Assabet's Jake Taylor picked off a Shawsheen pass and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown with 4:16 left in

## Shawsheen Tech's 2019 Varsity Football Roster

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1	Peter Canniff	JR	BillERICA	40	Christian Robson	SO
5	Dominic Searles	JR	Tewksbury	44	Michael Powderly	SR
6	Patrick O'Leary (Capt.)	SR	BillERICA	50	Alex Newcomb	JR
7	Anthony D'Ampolo (Capt.)	SR	Tewksbury	52	Shane Stairs (Capt.)	SR
8	Randy Leavitt	JR	Burlington	53	Jay Zannelli	SO
9	Chris Disciscio	JR	BillERICA	54	Liam Fitzgerald	JR
11	Josiah Martinez	SR	Wilmington	55	John Wermecke	SR
12	Diondre Turner	JR	Wilmington	59	Louis Mascia IV	SO
13	Jose Cruz	SO	Wilmington	60	Shawn Fitzgerald	JR
14	Jake Bonanno	SR	BillERICA	62	Xavier Santiago	SO
15	Shane O'Brien	SR	BillERICA	63	Jack Scharn	JR
16	Shane Costello	SO	Wilmington	65	Liam Kelley	JR
17	Aydan Churchill	SO	Wilmington	66	Thyago DeMedeiros	SR
18	Antavious Nordquist	JR	Bedford	68	Bobby O'Hearn	SR
19	Nick Schena	SO	Tewksbury	70	Santino DiMastrantonio	SR
20	Walther Humphrey	SR	BillERICA	71	Boston Bergeron	JR
21	Connor Rich	SR	BillERICA	72	Andrew Esposito	SO
22	Jake Warford	SO	Wilmington	73	Jordan Zamor	SO
23	Ryan Dusablon	SO	Wilmington	74	Christian Giannino	SR
24	Cam Pontes	SO	BillERICA	75	Aidan Leffler	JR
25	Nick DiCicco	JR	BillERICA	77	Jonah Varallo	JR
27	Conor Rooney (Capt.)	SR	Wilmington	78	Aaron Dancevicz	SO
29	Jason Elias	SR	Tewksbury	79	R.J. Esposito	SR
33	Dylan Timmons	SO	Wilmington	81	Colin Fullerton	JR
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# Wilmington High School Sub-Varsity (Male) Sports Teams Season Recaps

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WILMINGTON -- The Wilmington High Freshman Football team was not quite able to finish with a winning record this season, finishing at 3-5 for the season under the direction of head coach Mark Gentile, but just like the JV team, Gentile saw great improvement from his team throughout the year, despite facing some adversity all season long.

"We were really unlucky in terms of injuries at the freshman level. We had four players go down with serious injuries in September, and all four of them were two-way starters," Gentile said. "A lot of the freshman players had no youth football experience, so the coaching staff was literally starting from square one with them (stance, terminology, etc.). Despite that, our practices were very competitive, and we really improved as the season progressed."

Two games, one early in the season and one late in the season, showed the toughness of this teams as they battled through injuries. An opening week near miraculous comeback against Woburn and a late season loss to traditional power Melrose made Gentile proud to coach this team.

"Opening week in Woburn really showed me what type of team we were going to have throughout the season. Woburn's freshman team had roughly thirty players on it, and we came off the bus with seventeen," Gentile said. "We went into halftime down 27-6, but we really worked hard in the second half and nearly pulled the game out. We had the ball in the red area when time ran out and we nearly stole one. I realized pretty early on that we made up for our lack of experience with a lot of heart."

"We also went on the road in Melrose and came within a two-point conversion of winning that one as well. Melrose is a strong, deep program and for us, with all our injuries and inexperience, to nearly pull out a win there was very encouraging."

While it is still very early in their career, Gentile and his coaching staff feel like they might have a few stars in the making on the freshman roster.

"We're really high on Jacob Roque. He's one of our better players who was emerging as a real leader when he went down with a foot injury in the Melrose game," Gentile said. "He played some quarterback for us, and he's a great wide receiver and defensive back. We believe he can be a varsity player as soon as next season. Peter Leblanc is also a player who showed us a lot of heart and determination, as he broke his arm early in the season but came back and played really well at linebacker and running back for us."

The Wildcats were very much a pass oriented team and they had several wide receivers put together outstanding seasons, including Gabriel DaSilva and Andrew Rivera, along with Joey Kullman and Michael Alpers.

"Our wideouts really worked hard all season. Gabriel showed a lot of promise, and we were also impressed with Andrew, who also signed up mid-season and immediately worked his way into a starting position on both sides of the ball," Gentile said. "Joey might have the best hands on the team, and he's also very versatile, as we line him up at fullback and tight end as well as wideout, and he's willing to work his tail off no matter where you stick him, and that's all you can really ask for as a coach. Michael was showing some promise until he too was injured early in the season."

Of course, the skill position players will go only as far as their linemen will take them, and the



Above, is the WHS JV-B Football team and below is the WHS JV-A Football team. Both teams recently completed their seasons. (photos by Jim Vaiknoras).



Wildcats were very fortunate in that regard as well, with Ryan Watson, Michael Ings, James Corsetti and Charlie Chirichiello all having good seasons.

"We have some really good linemen too," Gentile said. "Ryan, Michael, James and Charlie all had good seasons," Gentile said. "Another lineman, Lucas Gorham, showed a ton of potential before breaking his arm early on in the season. We had a couple of players sign up mid-season who really contributed on both the offensive and defensive lines in John Spencer, Chris Patterson, and Jack Melanson. All three of them are big, strong kids who we feel can flourish if they work hard in the off-season."

There were stars on defense as well for the Wildcats, and Gentile sees several players who have bright futures ahead of them.

"Owen Cushing played really well for us at defensive end," Gentile said. "Brett Ebert and Burke Zimmer both ran the ball well for us and are two of the surest tacklers on the team. We really like what we see in Casey Robbins and Owen White as well. Both of those guys can play just about anywhere defensively."

Gentile is in his third year as coach of the freshman squad, after an 11-year career coaching Pop Warner in Billerica. He has also been the coach at home to a couple of great athletes.

"My oldest son Mark Jr. was a captain of both the football and wrestling teams in Billerica," Gentile said. "He graduated BMHS in 2018 and is currently serving in the United States Marine Corp. My youngest son Steven just finished his eighth and final Pop Warner season and will play freshman football as an 8th grader in Billerica next season. I hope I don't have to coach against him!"

As much experience as Gentile has, he credits his assistant coaches for bringing out the best in so many players.

"My assistant coaches did a fantastic job this season. John Smith was a standout at BMHS as a wide receiver and defensive back, and he really helped out our players with his knowledge and experience," Gentile said. "Connor MacKenzie graduated from Wilmington High School in 2018 and was a great center and nose tackle for us. He's been working with our line this season and has done a tremendous job with them."

## JV FOOTBALL

It was a winning season for the Wilmington High JV Football team, as the Wildcats posted a 5-3-1 record on the year, offering some optimism for the future of the Football program at Wilmington High.

Third year JV head coach Sean Turner liked

the results he saw from his team this season, and more importantly he liked what he saw in terms of attitude and improvement throughout the season.

"They were a very hard working and dedicated team that showed improvement each time they stepped on the field," Turner said. "They showed great work ethic in practice that carried over into their games. Their teamwork as a unit improved drastically as the year went on."

Two games later in the season were a pair of great examples of how much the team had improved as the year went on, with a victory over Wakefield and a tie against Woburn showing just how far the team had come.

"Our seventh game against Wakefield was a big one. We entered the game at 3-3. It was a hard hitting contest that went back and forth throughout the game. We went on a late drive in the fourth quarter that ended in a touchdown, and secured the victory with a few big plays defensively after. It seemed to be the turning point of the season for the JV guys," Turner said.

"Also, we began our season against Woburn and lost on a late fumble in the end zone with 30 seconds left, 14-8. In our last game of the season, we showed how much our team has improved by tying that same Woburn team, 8-8 in a game that could have went either way. They played together as a team throughout and demonstrated their improvement

during that game."

The Wildcats had some great individual performances throughout the season, with several offensive players standing out for their efforts.

"Pedro Germano was great for us at quarterback all year, connecting with Alfonso Gambale as well as Nate Rebinskas, Ben Andrus, and Peter DiAdamo almost weekly for touchdowns," Turner said. "Adam LeBlanc and Brian Duggan carried the workload in the backfield and our offensive line across the board has come a long way lead by Jack Malloy and Eric Lingenfelter."

There were also several defensive stars for the Wildcats throughout the season.

"Defensively, John Rhind, John Pham, Nehemiah Camara and Dave Woltag were all stand outs weekly," Turner said. "Nick Sullivan was strong at defensive end all year, and Luke Murphy and Nick Doyle got better every week."

## JV BOYS SOCCER

Wilmington High JV Boys Soccer coach Dennis Ingram has been a coach long enough at both the varsity and sub varsity levels to know that the most important thing at the sub varsity level is not wins and losses. Which is why, despite the Wildcats 2-12-2 record this season, Ingram, who is also the Boys Varsity Basketball coach and a Wilmington High Hall of Famer, still considers the season a success.

"This was a very good

sophomores Brett DeAmbrose, Nicholas DiNatale, Evan Shackelford, Alexander Paquet, Joe Cornish and Ed Ricupero.

## FRESHMAN BOYS SOCCER

Much like their counterparts at the JV level, the Wilmington High Freshman Boys Soccer team did not have the most successful season in terms of wins and losses, posting a 2-11-3 record, but also like their JV counterparts, this group of Wildcats is led by an experienced coach and player who knows that the biggest role of the sub varsity programs is to prepare players for the varsity level.

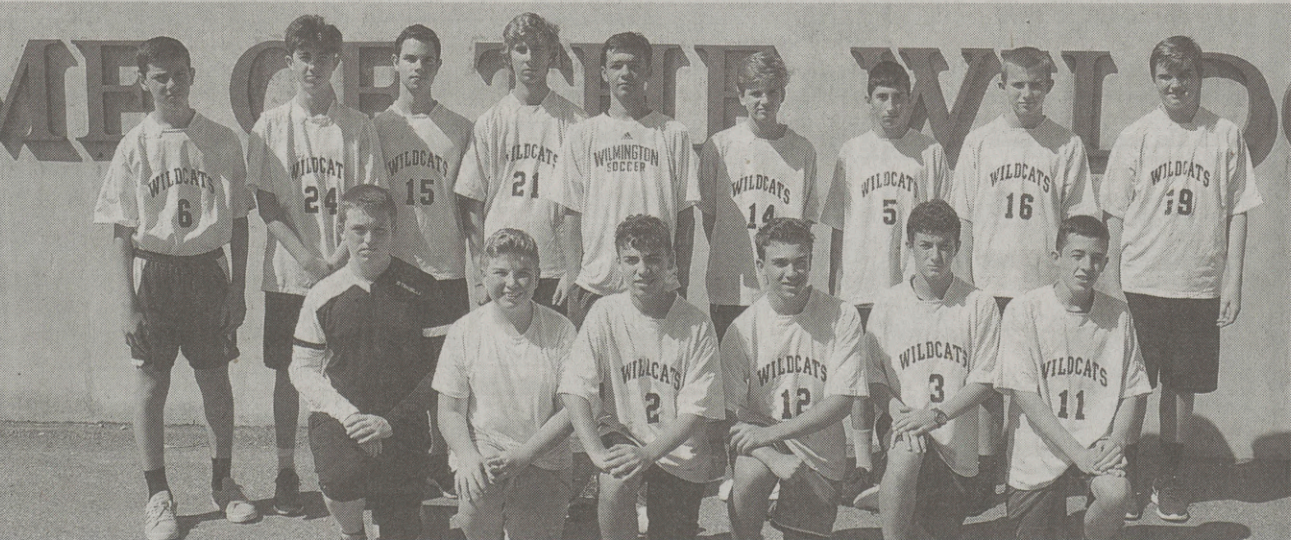
In this case, the coach is Colin Foley, who is in his sixth year at the helm of both the freshman soccer team as well as the JV Hockey team after an outstanding career as both a soccer and hockey player for the Wildcats.

"I had a great group of players who were passionate about the game, practiced hard, and played hard and the results didn't always show that but they gave effort every time they were on the soccer field," said Foley. "It was a very coachable group. As the season went on they improved game from game. At the sub-varsity level we stress the importance of development and less about wins and losses, more on getting better each day."

Several Wildcats players had outstanding seasons, showing great promise for a possible future at the varsity level, including Austin Farrell, John McNamara and Jonathan Magliozzi.

"Austin played attack midfield and a little bit of forward. Austin has good skill and looks to distribute the ball first," Foley said. "John is one of the hardest working players on the team. John hustles to every ball, has a strong shot, and leaves it all on the field every practice and game. Jonathan is a very versatile player. He has good speed, sees the game very well with a high soccer IQ and is a tough player who is not afraid to challenge for the ball. He can send a ball up as well beat kids one-on-one."

Other members of the Wildcats JV Boys Soccer team included Tyler Nguyen, Mark Donovan, Aryan Patil, Charles Maiella, Brett Gallucci, Thomas Sica, Brian Barry, Matthew Steinmetz, Nikos Koss, Roman Moretti, Ryan Bornstein, Ryan Kanihan



The WHS JV Boys Soccer team includes front row from left: Cooper Loisel, Brett Deambrose, Patrick LeBlanc, Dominic Feeney, Nick Di Natali and Willie Sweet; back row from left, Moaid Said, Dillon McGrath, Alex Paquet, Joe Cornish, Woody Ricupero, Lukas Charini, Evan Shackelford, Ryan Willson and Sebastian DeVerbigier. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



The WHS Freshman Boys Soccer team includes front row from left, Ryan Bornstein, Jonathan Magliozzi, Brett Gallucci, Matt Steinmetz, Charlie Maiella, Tyler Nguyen and Brian Barry; back row from left, Roman Moretti, Nikos Koss, Aryan Patil, Nick Atwater, Ryan Kanihan, Thomas Sica, John McNamara, Austin Farrell and Mark Donovan. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



## WHS Freshman and JV Girls Soccer teams enjoy successful seasons

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For the first time, the Wilmington High Girls Soccer program moved to the JV-A and JV-B model instead of having a freshman team. With this new format, this was the first time some of the girls were being asked to come together from different grade levels to compete.

At the JV-B level the Wildcats definitely felt some growing pains, but still battled their way to a 4-9-1 record despite not having a full-time goalie.

More important than any won/loss record at the JV level however, was the Wildcats continuing their preparation to eventually help the program at the varsity level, which fourth year coach Erin Cowden felt she definitely saw from her players.

"Throughout the season I saw a great deal of improvement in this team," Cowden said. "The knowledge they gained this season was very obvious. These girls left this season with more soccer knowledge than they started with this season." Cowden felt that every member of the Wildcats played an important role this season.

"Our offense was directed by our three captains, Ashley LaMonica, Christianna Bittarelli and Gianna Melaragni," Cowden said. "The team also had the offensive skills of Deyanna DeJesus, Julia Gray, Anaya Cameron, Alexis Edwards and Rachel Gonzalez."

The Wildcats midfield was anchored by the team's center midfielders, Katelin Hally and Sloane McIntyre.

"Katelin Hally played a lot of minutes for us at center mid during the first half of our season. About halfway through the season, she was pulled up to play with the JV-A

team. I was happy to see her hustle and hard work rewarded," Cowden said. "That is when Sloane really stepped up to control our midfield. Sloane worked hard to improve her foot skills to distribute the ball and create offensive opportunities. She also did a great job putting us in scoring position during corner kicks."

The team's outside midfielders were led by Mallory Brown and Caterina Tassone, whose hustle did not go unnoticed by Cowden. Cowden noted that both players improved greatly during the season, culminating with Brown scoring goals in each of the Wildcats last two games to lead them to victories.

"Both Mallory and Caterina made great runs and passes to help out our offense, but also made sure they got back to help out our defense. I was impressed with the improvement of Mallory throughout the season," Cowden said. "Mallory consistently showed up to practice ready to work hard. Her consistency paid off as her skills and soccer knowledge improved. I was proud to see her efforts rewarded in our last two games. Our outside midfielders also included Marni McBride and Julianna Marinho. All of our outside mids did a great job supporting the defense and helping us transition to offense."

The Wildcat defense was anchored by Erica Raimo, while Cortney Gibbs and Emma Jensen, while both new to the stopper position, each excelled in their new roles.

"Erica did an excellent job settling the ball in the air and distributing it to our midfielders. There were times when Erica made great runs out of the back to create offensive opportunities for us. Erica's speed also helped us tremendously. As our

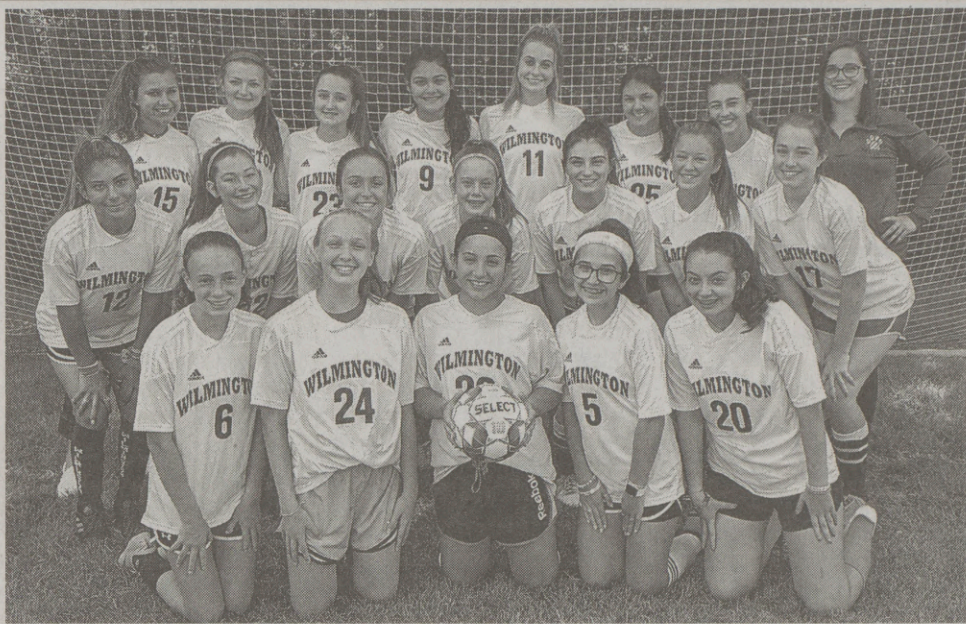
last line of defense, Erica did not let anyone get by her, and if by chance they did, she had the speed to chase them down and take the ball away," Cowden said. "At the start of the season, we were short on defenders. Cortney and Emma did a nice job adapting to their new positions as defenders and made a difference for us in the middle of the field. We were fortunate to have the talents of both of them since they were both very dependable on the field logging a lot of minutes at defense and switching off as keepers. Our defense also had the skills of Haley Gifford, Alisha DiNuccio and Sydney Collins."

Cowden is a graduate of Wilmington High where she played soccer at both the JV and varsity level for MJ English and Sue Hendee. Both years on varsity she served as a representative for the team's leadership council, and in her senior year she was one of the team's captains. Coaching also runs in the family as her father Don Cowden is the coach of the JV-A Girls Basketball team.

"I enjoy coaching alongside two of my mentors. I have learned so much from both of them both in the game of soccer and in the art of coaching," Cowden said. "I am able to lean on them for support, but I love being able to support them as coaches as well. I enjoy coaching at this level because there is still so much to learn about the game of soccer. There are so many teachable moments and you get to watch the lessons learned directly impact their knowledge of the game."

Cowden is also a first-grade teacher at the Shawsheen Elementary School, where she is in her fifth year as a teacher.

While she is an experienced coach, this season



The WHS Freshman Girls Soccer team includes front row from left, Mallory Brown, Erica Raimo, Alisha DiNuccio, Sydney Collins and Sloane McIntyre; middle row from left, Rachel Gonzalez, Marni McBride, Alexis Edwards, Courtney Gibbs, Haley Gifford, Emma Jensen and Caterina Tassone; back row from left, Deyanna DeJesus, Julia Gray, Katelin Hally, Anaya Brown, Ashley LaMonica, Christianna Bittarelli, Gianna Melaragni and Coach Erin Cowden. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



The WHS JV Girls Soccer team includes front row from left, Kari Wells, Mackenzie Canning, Emily Hassell, Cassidy Smith, Alexis Meza, Annabelle Cook, Cameron Forsyth and Alexia Bittarelli; back row from left, Quinn Proulx, Rowan Fortier, Katrina Riekstins, Faith Benoit, Kaitlyn Doherty, Sophia Barletta, Emily Watson, Alexa Kelley, Mileyna Acevendo, Jocelyn White and Coach Mary Jo English. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

offered some unique challenges for Cowden with the switch from the freshman format to the JV-B format, but she says she and the team were able to get through it thanks to the great efforts of her players.

"I am proud of this group of girls. These girls demonstrated resilience and improved their skills across the season," Cowden said. "Normally with a freshman team, you have a group of girls that have been playing together since U10. This season, even though there were a group of girls that have been playing together

for many many years, the girls did need to learn how to play with girls they had just met.

"This presented a challenge for the girls as they now needed to learn about new teammates while also learning about new strategies and skills to play at the high school level. That being said, I was impressed with the leadership from my returning players. I was most impressed with the leadership efforts from sophomore Haley Gifford. Haley played for me last year and new whatthe team expectations were from the beginning. It was

great having an experienced player to model the expectations for the younger players throughout the season."

### JV GIRLS SOCCER

It was another successful season for the Wilmington High JVA Girls Soccer team, as for the second season in a row the Wildcats posted a 7-4-4 record under the direction of head coach MJ English. The Wildcats outscored their opponents 21-11 on the campaign.

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## Both Sub-Varsity Field Hockey teams complete fun filled seasons

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The Wilmington High Field Hockey team had another very good season, putting together and 8-5-4 record under the direction of coach Laura Connors, and it is a team that Connors will never forget, not just for their accomplishments on the field, but for their off field support as well.

"The 2019 JV field hockey season followed suit of previous years and we had a lot of fun during our season," Connors said. "Sophomore, Marissa Bryan played in goal for us - she does a really good job in net and communicates well. Shea Cushing was a power house taking the ball down the field and made good connections on the field with freshmen Ava Deprofio. Taylor Breen was always at post which made her our top scorer."

The Wildcats also got strong efforts through their midfield led by from returning player, sophomore Nakomis Bramantechoen, as well as fellow sophomores Gabby Montefiore, Amanda Solari, and Alyssa Rago.

"Alyssa had rocket of a drive that had some of the other teams shaking in their cleats," Connors said.

The Wildcats also got some great efforts defensively throughout the season, led by sophomores Corinn Flanagan, Medha Pal, Emily Fothergill.

"I never lacked confidence in our backfield and always knew I could count on them to keep the ball out with were in charge," Connors said.

Other key players for the team included Janelle Penney, Danielle Flaherty, Anna Germano, Sara Bryan, and Marissa Gallozzi.

"I tried them all over the

field, playing every position and they improved every game both with their skills and knowledge of the game," Connors said. "This group of young ladies did a wonderful job this season!"

While their on-field accomplishments were indeed very impressive, this team meant far more to Connors than just wins and losses.

"My father passed away early in the season and the team rallied around me and my family," Connors said. "This was a difficult time but, being around the team, they helped me smile, laugh, and be silly. I'm so proud of this team, my field hockey family."

### FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY

At the youngest level, the Wilmington High Field Hockey program also took many step in the right direction this season, with the Freshman Field Hockey squad experiencing a very successful season both in terms of wins and losses as well as in the tremendous amount of learning they did in order to rise through the program.

Fourth year coach Courtney Cavanaugh truly enjoyed coaching the Wildcats this season, mainly due to their great commitment to the team and trying to improve as the year went on.

"Each and every day, the girls worked hard to improve their skills," Cavanaugh said.

"Whether it was stick skills, communication, or finding their way as a young woman in the high school, these young women played their very best each day to make the season an incredibly memorable one. Overall, the girls had a very successful season in which they all improved their

skills in incredibly ways."

There were a few games along the way that stood out to Cavanaugh for her team's outstanding play, including a game against Masconomet, as well as a pair of matchups against Lexington.

"Masco, a well known powerhouse, was an undefeated team when we were matched up together. Without hesitation the girls came to play ready to go," Cavanaugh said. "With incredible effort and determination, the girls beat Masco 1-0."

Another game that stands out, were those against Lexington. Lexington is another powerhouse field hockey program, but the Wildcats were not intimidated when facing them, particularly in their final meeting of the season when they traveled to Lexington for their season finale.

"After falling 2-0 in the first half, the girls never ever quit and even though we fell to Lexington, the girls played their hearts out and never gave up to end our season, rising above and beyond all odds and making it a close game to the very end ultimately losing 2-1," Cavanaugh said.

Every player stepped up to make this a successful season for the Wildcats, but two players stood out in particular for Cavanaugh with their efforts as Shae Fitzgerald and Bella Piazza both displayed great promise for the future.

"Shae was a strong dominance on the field with her power hits and her knowledge for the game, which will guide her far in the program," Cavanaugh said. "Bella Piazza was the player that I always counted on. Playing in the middle of the field and holding the role of both an offensive and defensive player, Bella stepped up to the plate when on the field



The WHS JV Field Hockey team includes from front row from left, Sarah Bryan, Anna Germano, Ava DeProfio, Marissa Gallozzi, Nakomis Bramantechoen and Danielle Flaherty; back row from left, Gabby Manteforte, Alyssa Rago, Janelle Penney, Amanda Solari, Corinn Flaherty, Emily Fothergil, Medha Pal, Shea Cushing and Coach Laura Connors. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



The WHS Freshman Field Hockey team includes front row from left, Samantha Cronin, Bella Paizza, Katie Manjourides, Ava MacGilvray, Caitlyn George, Shae Fitzgerald; back row from left, Coach Courtney Cavanaugh, Sandra Manjourides, Sarah Gillespie, Laci Titterington, Carina O'Donnell, Julia Kane, Laine Stockman, and Kylie Gates. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

no matter the scenario."

Making what the Wildcats accomplished this season all the more impressive was that every often the freshman squad was playing against much more experienced rivals.

Cavanaugh a 2012 graduate of Wilmington High, who is currently a Special Education teacher in Lynn Public Schools, was a sweeper for the Wildcats Field Hockey team and in her senior year was the captain and MVP for the Wildcats. As an experienced player she knows how difficult the task was

for her players this season, and she was very impressed with her young squad.

"The most eye opening aspect of this season that stood out to me as the coach of the freshman team for my third year, was the fact that nearly all of the teams that we played had rolled over to the JV B format versus a freshman team," Cavanaugh said. "The teams we were playing had girls ranging from freshman to juniors on their teams. The girls did absolutely amazing this

season and I could not be more proud of them."

Members of the Wilmington High Freshman Field Hockey team included Izabella Piazza, Samantha Cronin, Laine Stockman, Kylie Gates, Ava McGilvray, Caitlyn George, Sandra Manjourides, Julia Kane, Colleen Logan, Laci Titterington, Sara Gillespie, Katie Manjourides, Carina O'Donnell and Shae Fitzgerald.

## On the courts, Volleyball teams both capture eight wins

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The promise in the Wilmington High Volleyball program continued at the freshman level, where the Wildcats went 8-6 on the season under the direction of first year coach Kevin Riley. Riley was very proud of the effort his team showed to finish the season with a winning record.

"Their 8-6 record was not a minor achievement considering many of the girls this was their first year in the sport," Riley said. "They also were without a true 'home field' advantage as the gym was unavailable throughout the entire season."

The team showed tremendous heart throughout the season according to Riley and

that was never more evident than during a win against Wakefield when the Wildcats had to overcome not only a talented opponent, but also the loss of one of their better players.

"That match really stood out as an important indicator of this team's future. One of our top players, Sophia Scalfani, injured her ankle and had to leave the match," Riley said. "At the time we had lost our first set and were down in the second. The girls rallied in Sophia's honor to come back and win the remaining two sets. I couldn't have been prouder of the team. They overcame adversity and gelled as a team. This demonstrated the true character of these girls. When these girls bring their 'A' game I feel

they are just about unstoppable."

A couple of players stood out in particular for their efforts throughout the season, with Audrey Powers and Abigail LaClair both having outstanding seasons.

Although I don't like to single anyone out there were some players that I do feel could make an immediate contribution to the varsity next year," Riley said. "Audrey is relentless in her work ethic and preparation for the game. It wasn't uncommon for her to go on a double digit ace streak in a match. What impressed me the most about Audrey is her maturity and unselfishness to pass the ball to her teammates and spread out the play."

"Another player who I

think will play at the varsity level next year is Abigail. Ms. LaClair is a rising star in the softball word and we were glad to have her on the volleyball team. She is a natural athlete with a competitive spirit that is hard to coach. My most memorable moment for Abigail had to be against Shawshen Tech when she brought her team back, from a significant deficit in both sets, to win the match. All the girls worked hard this year and deserve a lot of credit."

Riley was new to the Wilmington Volleyball program this season, but he is certainly not new to Wilmington High or to coaching, having taught Social Studies at the high school since 2001, and having coached multiple sports such as football and wrestling since 1997. He knows what it takes to have a winning program, and he sees the right pieces in place to have just that at Wilmington High.

"I've been blessed to work with some great coaches over the years," Riley said. "I would certainly place Bruce and Bridget Shainwald in that category as well. Their experience, knowledge and passion for this game is rare."

Of course, the most important piece to having a successful program is good players who are committed to the program. Once again, Riley sees great things going forward.

"I had a great time working with these girls. They came to every practice and match with boundless enthusiasm and positive energy," Riley said. "What's most impressive about these girls is the fact they overcame much adversity

including injuries and lack of a home gymnasium. My advice to them was to stick together with their teammates, if they do this the Wildcat volleyball program has a bright future."

Members of the Freshman Volleyball team included Aiyana Noel, Shannon Prendeville, Lian Juergens, Natalia Bernard, Abigail LaClair, Audrey Powers, Sofia Scalfania and Micaela Kneel.

### JV VOLLEYBALL

The Wilmington High Volleyball program seems to be headed in the right direction, with the varsity team picking up some big wins on their way to an eight-win season and narrowly missing out on a post season berth. On the JV level things are looking up as well, with the Wildcats having recently wrapped up an 8-11 season under fourth year coach Bridget Shainwald, a vast improvement over last year's 2-18 campaign.

Beyond just the improvement in their won/loss record, Shainwald saw steady improvement in her team's play throughout the season, both in their playing ability and their knowledge of the game.

"The team improved greatly over the course of the season. Where they struggled to run an offense at the beginning of the season, by the end of the season, they were able to do so on almost every point," Shainwald said. "Their commitment to the sport and each other showed every time they came together whether it was a game or practice. Through this they gained confidence and success."

The young Wildcats also showed great improve-

ment in their match management throughout the season, improving their strategies as the season progressed.

"During the season, I began to notice that the girls were calling balls in or out on themselves," Shainwald said. "I suggested that they stop calling the game and leave that to the referees. At this point, they actually started calling plays, trying to influence the refs' calls."

The Wildcats got outstanding efforts throughout their roster on their way to their eight win season, but two players in particular stood out in the promise they showed for the varsity level.

"Isabella (Bella) Kieran started the season as a setter and transitioned into an effective middle hitter," Shainwald said. "Defensively, Lauren Hutchinson was one of our standouts. In addition, she was able to successfully make the transition to an outside hitter and contribute greatly to our offense. I feel that both of these players will be contributors at the Varsity level next season. Their attitude and mind set will take them far."

The members of the Wilmington High JV Volleyball team included freshman Mia Vestal, and sophomores Lauren Hutchinson, Emily McHugh, Laura Tran, Seanna Rankin, Paige Lohrman, Isabella Kieran, Alyssa Fricia, Meghan O'Mahony, Lily Rubin, Sarah LaVita, Madison Kelsey and Jamie Davis.

Team Picture SP7W



The WHS Freshman Volleyball team includes front row from left: Audrey Powe, Natalia Bernard and Shannon Prendeville; back row from left, Lian Juergens, Machaela Kneel, Sofia Scalfani, Abby LaClair and Aiyanna Noel. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



## WHS JV Girls Soccer team completes season

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the Wildcats, but several games stood out to English when reflecting on the season, games that truly showed her team's grit and determination, two matches against Wakefield and then one game each against Winchester and Arlington which the coach felt brought out the best in her team.

"Our four most difficult games of the season were our most impressive games. We faced three foes who each challenged us due to being 'a little more' than us in three important respects," English said. "First were two matches against Wakefield which featured their physicality and aggressive style of play. Wakefield plays hard and tackles hard. I was impressed with the composure of our players and the way they played a classy and clean game while being knocked around by the opposition. We played Wakefield twice, beating them once and tying them in the second contest."

The games against Winchester and Arlington were also very well played games by the Wildcats, although the results did not go their way.

"This was a talented team that probably deserved an even better record than what they achieved," English said. "Our game against Winchester was early in the season before we were able to achieve a vast season-long improvement in our passing abilities. Winchester has a strong

and technically skilled program, as their varsity team recently won the Division 2 North state championship. Their JV team is a talented group as well. We played them very evenly for most of the game but could not generate enough quality shots to score, losing 0-2.

"Finally, we played an impressive match against Arlington whose varsity team was the runner up Division 2 state champion program. It was a back and forth intense match until Arlington scored with 37 seconds left in the game. It was a game that neither team deserved to lose."

As English noted, her team continued to get better as the season wore on. Despite struggling to score goals at times, the Wildcats were a much different team at the end of the season than they were at the beginning.

"The team's key improvement over the season was a noticeably increased ability to connect passes and play creative soccer. Our weakness was a periodic inability to put the ball in the net at key times," English said. "The four games that we lost were games where we simply could not score and thus we were shut out. Aside from those four shutout games, the team scored 21 goals over their other 11 games, compared to only 5 goals allowed in those same 11 games and this put us in a position to have a strong and successful season."

That improvement and the successful season

would not have been possible without the contributions of many players. English points out that both offensively and defensively the Wildcats had players step up with strong efforts throughout the season.

We had a very balanced offensive attack with our three leading scorers scoring either four or five goals apiece. One of those players was Quinn Proulx who was our center midfielder. Quinn's vision, creativity, skill and responsible personal make up provided substantial and strong on-field leadership," English said. "Our defense was extremely impressive, allowing only 11 goals over 15 games. The defense was anchored by goalie Jocelyn White, who was playing in her third year as JV goalie. Her work ethic, care and respect for doing things the right way showed in her steady improvement over three years. Her first year in goal 25 shots were scored against her, then 16 were scored last year and this year she only allowed 11 goals all season. She had a very strong defensive unit in front of her this year, but there was no one who worked harder every practice as a means to self-improvement than our goalie."

English is now in her 13th season coaching in Wilmington, and the twelfth year as JV girls' soccer coach. English played soccer at Reading Memorial High School where she was an All-Star, MVP and two-year cap-



The WHS JV Volleyball team includes front row from left, Mia Vestal, Emily McHugh, Laura Tran, Lauren Hutchison and Lilly Rubin; back row from left, Bella Kieran, Paige Lohrman, Seinna Rankin, Madison Kelsey, Jamie Davis, Alyssa Fricia, Megan O'Mahoney, and Sarah LaVita. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

tain before moving on to Mount Holyoke College where she played soccer and squash. She knows very well what it takes to be a successful team and a successful teammate and she certainly saw those attributes in this group of players.

"Off the field, I found this to be a team that collectively supported each other through personal challenges and accomplishments," English said. "The captains, Alexia Bittarelli, Alexia Kelley and Jocelyn White did a terrific job of building and encouraging cohesiveness between class years, skill levels and personality types. These off-field efforts helped each player grow, demonstrate selfless efforts toward her teammates and play with greater conviction and confidence."

The members of the JVA Girls Soccer team were

Jocelyn White, Mileyna Acevedo, Alexia Bittarelli, Alexia Kelley, Sophia Barletta, Faith Benoit, Mackenzie Canning, Kaitlyn Doherty, Rowan Fortier, Emily Hassell, Alexis Meza, Quinn Proulx, Emily Watson,

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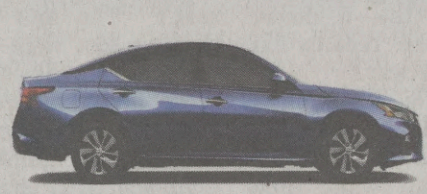
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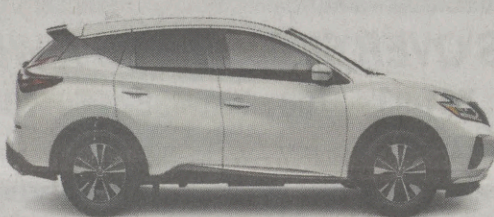
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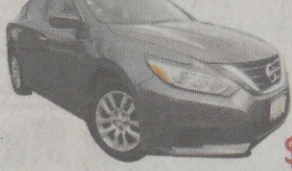
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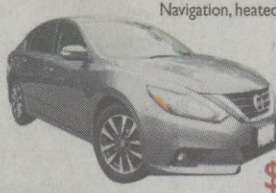
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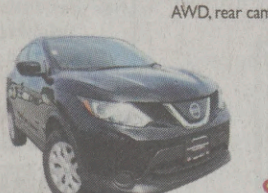
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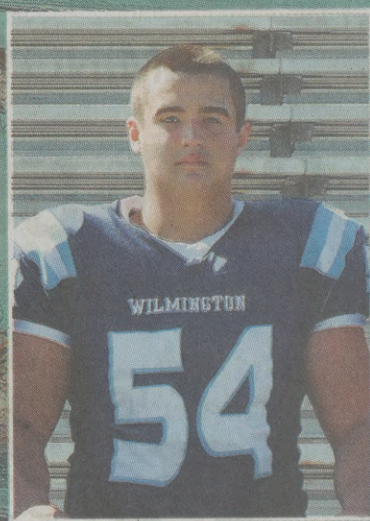
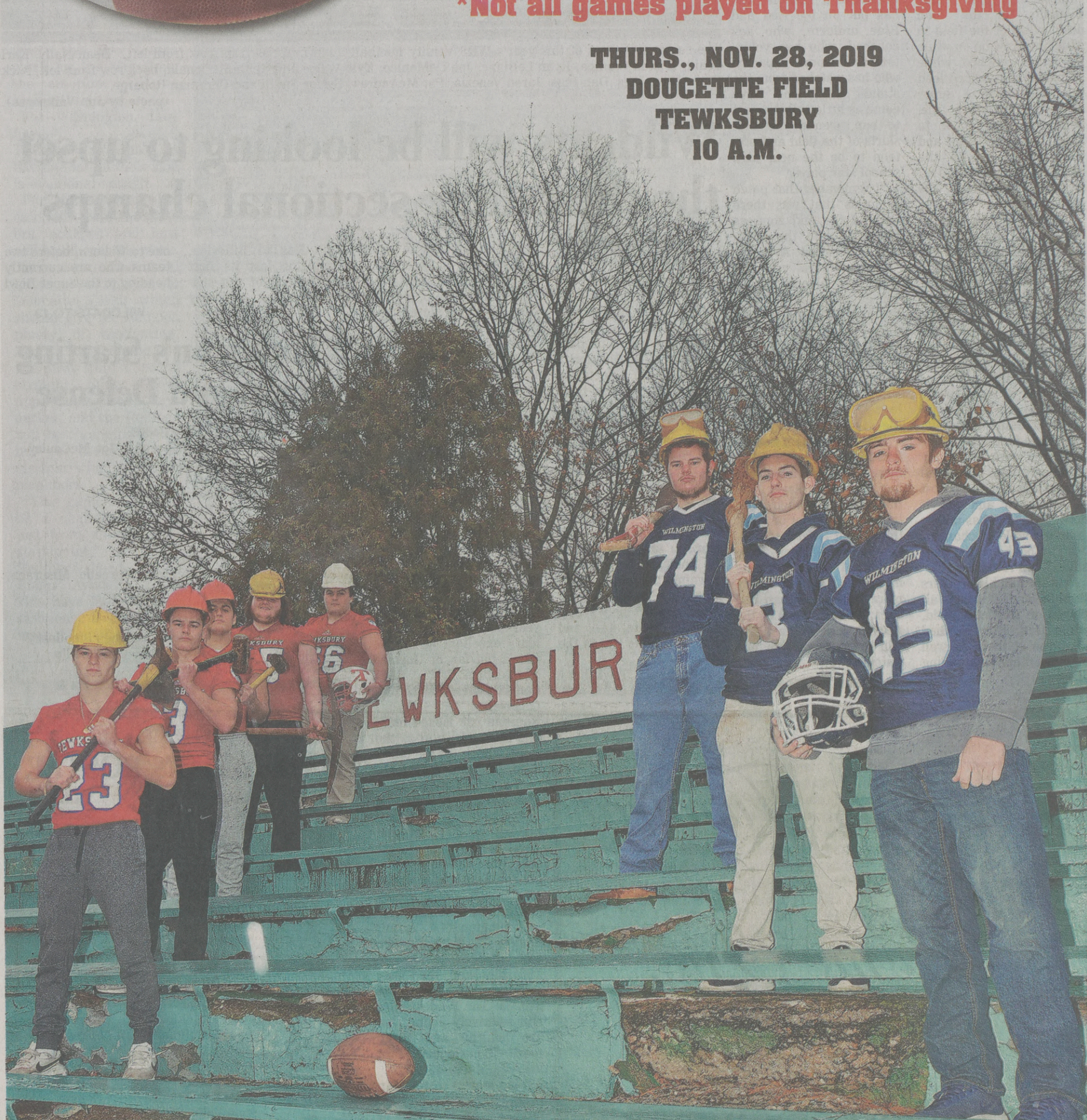
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**Tewksbury leads series 51-27-7 — have won last 9 games**



# Saying good-bye to Doucette Field

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TEWKSBURY - If you can tell from the front page cover of this section, of if you had already known from various town meetings and so forth, this Thursday will mark the final football game to be played at Doucette Field.

The Town Crier's Rick Cooke will dive into this topic in next week's edition. Until then, we asked Tewksbury Memorial High School coach Brian Aylward - who has been around the field for well over 40 years - to briefly summarize his early thoughts on the soon destruction of the field in which he grew up on while his father coached, while he played and helped lead the Redmen to a Super Bowl Championship title, before coming back to coach as an assistant and then being named the head coach before the 1997 season, winning 159 games since.

"This place has been a big part of my life," he said, as he looked right out to the field through some windows from the upstairs of the current field house. "I have spent probably as much time here as I have at my house. I'm here all-year round and this place, as dumpy as it is, is pretty special to me because of where it came from and there's no place like it.

"There were so many volunteers who pieced all of this together to no cost of the town and got it done. This field has undergone a couple of changes, but I've been coming here since I can remember."

Aylward and his brothers Robbie and Tommy all played on Doucette Field, while Dad, Bob coached all three of them as well as many other outstanding teams.

After Brian graduated from TMHS, he went on to play at Brown University, before later coming back to coach, first at the freshmen level, and then to the varsity level. Since then all of his boys, Johnny, Shane and Braeden have been water boys, have played on the same field, have won their share of games and so on.

Besides the Aylward connection, there's been so many other great players, coaches and teams, other great games and great wins outside of the Aylward connection. There's so many fond memories for anyone who has put on the Red and Blue uniform, who has coached, who has volunteered in some capacity, who has watched from the stands, and who have come as little children just to run around the outskirts of the field and pretend to be the next high school star player.

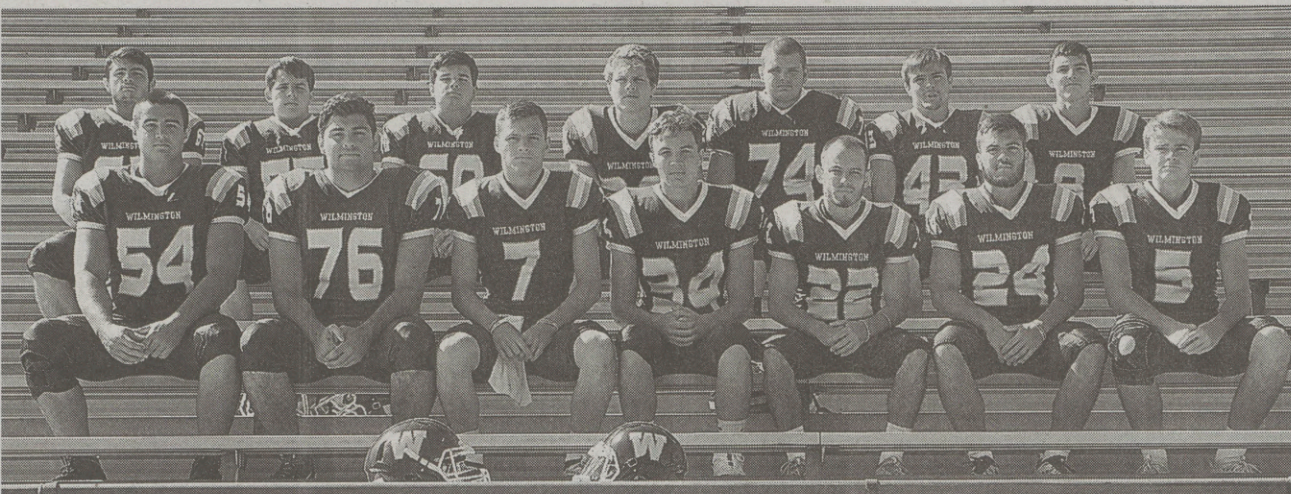
"I remember that patch of grass that was there (behind the end zone as you walk into the stadium)," recalled Aylward. "That's where you got your first bloody nose - you go after the kid with the ball and you would wear your Pop Warner shirts and you would look at the Chelmsford kids and say 'are you ready'? You go out there and tackle each other and that's the way you grew up.

"It's going to be a change and there's a lot of great memories as a fan growing up, as a player and then as a coach and there's been a lot of great things that I watched happen out there. There were a lot of heartbreaking memories too but many more good ones than bad ones. Even in some of the tougher losses, those are still great memories just watching guys persevere

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The 2019 WHS Varsity Football team will enter the Thanksgiving Day game with a record of 4-6 and will look to beat the Redmen for the first time since 2009. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



The senior members of this year's WHS Varsity Football team includes front row from left, Dean Nally, Karl Seaid, Tristan Ciampa, Ryan LeBlanc, Joe DeMonico, Kyle Vallee and Keith McDonald; back row from left, Nick Kane, Dave Ings, Dan Ings, Jared Venezia, Pat McAndrew, Bailey Smith and Christian Robarge. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

## Wildcats will be looking to upset the three-time sectional champs

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TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON - Lucky for Craig Turner and his staff, they get to prepare and play the Division 3 North Sectional Champions for the third straight year.

"It's an old habit and I'm getting used to this," he said with a laugh.

In the first two meetings, the 2017 Redmen - which lost in the D3 state semi-final game - defeated Wilmington, 28-0. Last year, on arguably one of the coldest Thanksgiving mornings in many, many years, the Redmen dominated an extremely young Wildcats' team, 43-0, and then went on to lose in the Super Bowl.

This year, Tewksbury comes into the game at 9-

2, had an eight-game winning streak snapped on Saturday by an outstanding Duxbury team, 35-6, in the D3 state semi-final game.

Turner was asked two days before the Redmen's loss about the differences between the 2017, '18 and '19 Tewksbury teams.

"This year's team is different than the last two," said Turner. "It's very different. Three years ago, my first year here, that team with (Brandon) Winn and those guys, they were a different team. I think they were much more physical than this group, but I think this group can beat you in more ways. I think last year's team was an excellent, excellent group. I was a big fan of (former quarterback Jay) Connolly and what he did. (Current QB Ryne) Rametta has looked more and more like him as the weeks have gone on. I think he's going to be a very special player.

"Then the X-factor is Shane Aylward. They have played so long without him, you almost forget about him and he's probably the best player in the Merrimack Valley Conference."

Wilmington (4-6) hasn't beaten Tewksbury since 2009, meaning a loss on Thursday and the 'Cats could go 0-for-10 in the decade. The Wildcats are still relatively young, but are healthy and much more experienced than last year's team.

This year's roster can make things happen on offense with the likes of duo QB's freshman Joe McCauley and Christian Robarge, as well as running back Bailey Smith, who needs 121 yards to get to 1,000, while up-and-coming receivers Marcello Misuraca and Gavin Erickson have shown glimpses of brilliance.

"I saw Wilmington a bit in the summer, and they have good, quick speed and (now) it looks like they have a little bit better team speed than (last year)," said Tewksbury head coach Brian Aylward. "Two years ago they had (Tyler) Roberts and all of those guys (and they had real good team speed). I have seen them mostly on film this year, because of our schedule, but I know they have the young kid (Joe McCauley) and when you have a young kid in at quarterback, that usually means that their progression happens fast, so everytime out, generally, they are going to get better and better.

"They have had the extra week of rest and our guys are banged up, so regardless who we play, it's going to be a challenge for us."

Wilmington's season has been up and down. Not counting the Endowment

Game loss to Billerica, Wilmington lost its first three games of the season, including a sloppy

one to Woburn, before two teams who are currently heading to the Super Bowl

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## Wilmington's Starting Offense and Defense

### OFFENSE:

Quarterback: Christian Robarge & Joe McCauley  
Running Back: Bailey Smith  
Tight End: Karl Saied  
Left Tackle: Pat McAndrew  
Left Guard: Dean Nally  
Center: Andrew O'Brien  
Right Guard: Jake Chirichiello  
Right Tackle: Jack Malloy  
Wide Rec.: Gavin Erickson, Marcello Misuraca, Tristan Ciampa and Joao Germano

### DEFENSE:

Def. Ends: Dylan Clerico & Stephen Smolinsky  
Def. Tackles: Dean Nally & Jake Chirichiello  
Nose Guard: Pat McAndrew  
Linebackers: Bailey Smith, Shane Roberts & Marcello Misuraca  
Cornerback: Kyle Vallee  
Free Safety: Christian Robarge

## WILMINGTON ROSTER

#	NAME	YEAR
1	Pedro Germano	Sophomore
2	Joao Germano	Sophomore
3	Jacob Roque	Freshman
4	Benjamin Andrus	Sophomore
5	Keith McDonald	Senior
6	Brian Duggan	Sophomore
7	Tristan Ciampa	Senior
8	Christian Robarge	Senior
9	Adam LeBlanc	Sophomore
10	Joseph McCauley	Freshman
11	Gavin Erickson	Sophomore
12	Michael Alpers	Freshman
13	John Rhind	Sophomore
14	Peter DiAdamo	Junior
15	Joseph Kullman	Freshman
18	Nicholas Doyle	Sophomore
20	Jared Venezia	Senior
21	John Pham	Junior
22	Joseph DeMonico	Senior
24	Kyle Vallee	Senior
25	Marcello Misuraca	Sophomore
26	Andre Turner	Freshman
27	Nathaniel Rebinskas	Sophomore
28	Alfonso Gambale	Sophomore
29	David Woltag	Junior
30	Brett Ebert	Freshman
33	Burke Zimmer	Freshman
34	Ryan LeBlanc	Senior
35	Dylan Clerico	Junior
36	Casey Robbins	Freshman
41	Stephen Smolinsky	Junior
42	William Kenyon	Sophomore
43	Bailey Smith	Senior
45	Luke Murphy	Sophomore
52	Yvenson Jeanty	Sophomore
53	Shane Roberts	Junior
54	Dean Nally	Senior
55	Brady Robbins	Sophomore
56	Peter LeBlanc	Freshman
57	David Ings	Senior
59	Justin Doran	Junior
60	Daniel Ings	Senior
61	James Corsetti	Sophomore
62	Nathan Curdo	Senior
63	Michael Ings	Freshman
64	Andrew O'Brien	Junior
67	Nicholas Kane	Senior
68	Jack Malloy	Sophomore
70	Jack Rooney	Sophomore
71	Michael Lee	Sophomore
72	Lucas Gorham	Freshman
73	Charles Chirichiello	Freshman
74	Patrick McAndrew*	Senior
75	Eric Lingenfelter	Junior
76	Karl Saied	Senior
77	Ryan Watson	Freshman
79	Jake Chirichiello	Sophomore
83	Owen White	Freshman
84	Israel Camara	Junior
85	Owen Cushing	Freshman
99	Nicholas Sullivan	Junior

\*Team Captains  
Head Coach: Craig Turner  
Assistant Coaches: Bob Donoghue, John Fortes and Sean Turner.

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# Redmen hoping to sweep the decade

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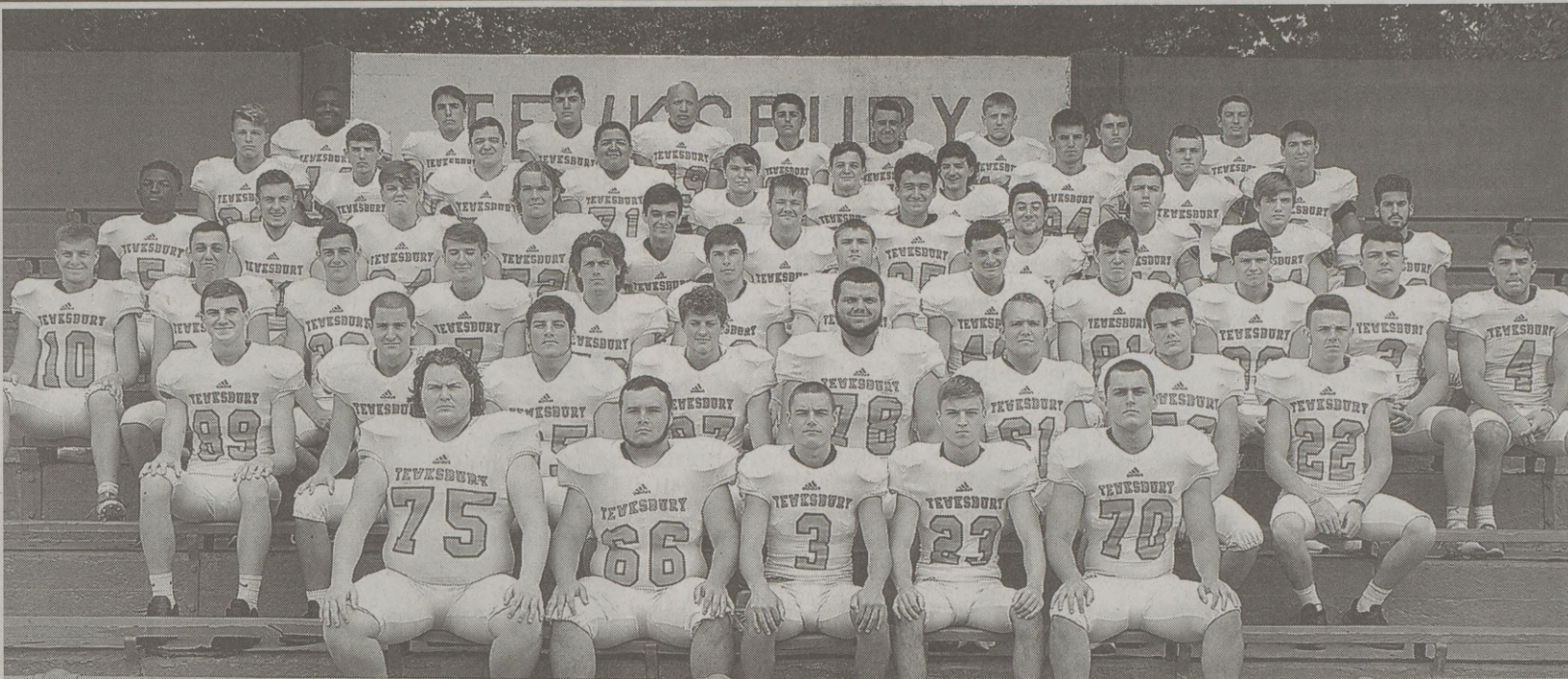
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TEWKSBURY - The annual Thanksgiving Day game is usually an emotional one for the players on both Tewksbury and Wilmington, especially the seniors, who for the most part, are playing in their final high school game.

But come Thursday, when the two teams clash for the 86th time, the emotions will be higher than ever.

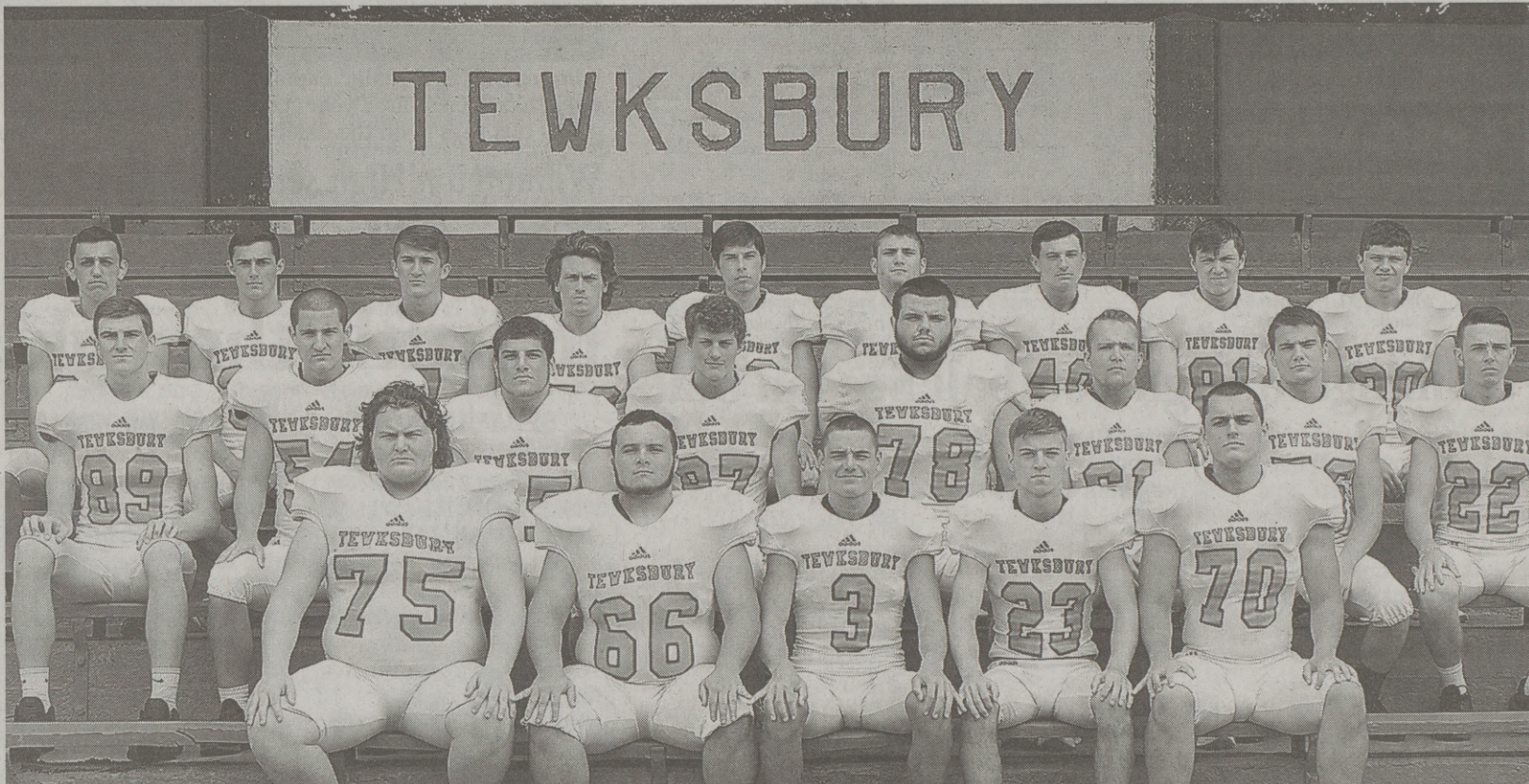
For Wilmington, they haven't beaten Tewksbury since 2009, so having that on their side is emotional enough.

For the Redmen, the emotions from the players, coaches and fans will be all over the place. This marks the final game to be played at Doucette Field, which should give the Redmen plenty of motivation. Add to that, coming one win away from a second straight Super Bowl appearance just six days earlier, and the Redmen will be chomping at the bit to make it ten straight wins over their neighbors.

"This game is going to be a challenge for us, just from an emotional standpoint," said Redmen head coach Brian Aylward. "The kids have to keep their emotions in check. We have a lot of guys who



The 2019 TMHS Varsity Football team will enter the Thanksgiving Day game with a 9-2 record, and a nine-game winning streak in this rivalry. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



The senior members of this year's team includes front row from left: Mike Woodford, Antonio Capelo, Shane Aylward, Tyler Keough and Robbie Kimtis; middle row from left, Richard Markwarth, Kyle Scrooc, Anthony DeSisto, Owen Gilligan, Dylan Chandler, Mike Kelleher, Ryan Briley and Jake Kaiser; back row from left, Dominic Iannacci, Connor Charron, Nolan Timmons, Ryan Day, Matthew Rosemond, Riley Auth, Patrick Fleming, Brodie Tirrell and Pat Letourneau. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

have sacrificed a lot over the last three or four years in this program, so we have to go out and be focused on what's in front of them.

"We talk about this all the way through the playoffs that all playoff runs are going to end at some point. And when that does and after the season is over, from that point until you die, you can look back and pat yourself on the back and be proud of what you accomplished. If you do that at any point before the season is done, you're going to get nipped, so we have to go into this Wilmington game with that mentality, play as hard as we can, try to execute everything and send the field off the right way."

An argument could be made that this year's Tewksbury team has more depth, especially on offense - and now a healthy Shane Aylward, who just adds to a large mix of other strong ball carriers, pass catchers and a first-year QB, who has thrown for well over 1,000 yards.

"They just have such an allotment of weapons over there," said Wilmington head coach Craig Turner, last Thursday night, two days before Tewksbury was defeated by Duxbury and Aylward returned to the field.

"And I know they are playing a lot without Shane Aylward and that just shines a big light on the amount of weapons that they have between (Tyler) Keough, (Kyle) Darrigo, (Kalu) Olu and (Danny) Fleming is really come on as of late.

"They have (wide receiver) Nolan Timmons and just so many weapons, and they move them all around in different spots. It seems like every single one of those kids can play running back, wide receiver, tight end, fullback and just do it all.

"There's certainly not many tendencies that you can get off from their personnel because so many kids can do so many different things and do them all well."

While Turner has been impressed with the long list of guys who can find the end zone, he said the guys who create those opportunities for those players are certainly not too shabby either.

"I certainly also think that you can't overlook what they have done upfront with that group. You have (Mike) Woodford, (Dylan) Chandler, (Antonio) Capelo and those kids are tough. This is probably a bigger Tewksbury group than they are used to having especially with Chandler and Woodford, but they are certainly very tough.

"The two tight ends have really impressed me too with (Owen Gilligan) and (Richard Markwarth). They are tough. When I see the two of those kids, I think they kind of epitomize Tewksbury Football for me because they don't look like much, but they will give every ounce of what they have and just really play tough."

As QB, Rametta has completed 81-of-148 passes for 1,189 yards with 13 TDs and 8 INTs. Kyle Darrigo leads the team with 720 rushing yards

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## TEWKSBURY ROSTER

#	Name	YOG	
1	Nick Tracy	2022	
2	William McKay	2021	
3	Shane Aylward*		2020
4	Kyle Darrigo	2021	
5	Kalu Olu	2021	
6	Michael Kelly	2021	
7	Nolan Timmons		2020
9	Danny Fleming	2022	
10	Ryne Rametta	2021	
11	Aiden Trulli	2022	
14	Logan Auth	2022	
20	Neftali Mercedes	2021	
21	Sean Fahey	2021	
22	Jake Kaiser	2020	
23	Tyler Keough*	2020	
24	Sean Kaiser	2021	
25	Adam Donovan	2021	
27	Mark Bradley	2021	
28	Dominic Iannacci	2020	
29	Elias Melki	2021	
30	Patrick Letourneau	2020	
32	Cole Kimtis	2022	
33	Connor Charron	2020	
34	Cameron Cimmino	2021	
36	Richie Lavargna	2021	
40	Patrick Felming	2020	
43	Riley Auth	2020	
51	Stephen Arsenault	2021	
52	Cameron Lamoureux	2021	
53	Ryan Day	2020	
54	Kyle Scrooc	2020	
55	Evan Silva	2022	
56	Ryan Briley	2020	
58	Asa DeRoche	2021	
59	Colin Bozek	2021	
60	Kyle McHugh	2021	
61	Michael Kelleher	2020	
62	Patrick Marcley	2021	
63	Brett Graham	2022	
64	Rory Power	2021	
65	Anthony DeSisto	2020	
66	Antonio Capelo*	2020	
67	Nick Wilson	2022	
68	Aaron Connolly	2022	
70	Robert Kimtis*	2020	
71	Owen Rego	2021	
72	Lucas Tryder	2021	
74	Jamyric Levy	2022	
75	Michael Woodford*	2020	
78	Dylan Chandler	2020	
81	Brodie Tirrell	2020	
83	Logan Frost	2022	
84	Paidric Green	2022	
85	Michael Duggan	2021	
87	Owen Gilligan	2020	
88	Matthew Rosemond	2020	
89	Richard Markwarth	2020	

\*Team Captains  
Head Coach: Brian Aylward  
Varsity Assistants: Paul Norton, Tom Bradley, Mark Bradley, Steve Kasprzak and Brian Hickey  
Freshman Coaches: Paul Saunders, Derek Tarpey and Johnny Saunders; Volunteer Assistant: Rob Aylward

### TEWKSBURY'S STARTING OFFENSE:

QB:	Ryne Rametta
C:	Antonio Capelo
LG:	Robbie Kimtis
LT:	Mike Woodford
RG:	Kyle Scrooc
RT:	Anthony DeSisto
HB:	Kyle Darrigo
HB:	Shane Aylward
FB:	Danny Fleming
TE:	Owen Gilligan
WR:	Tyler Keough
WR:	Nolan Timmons

### TEWKSBURY'S STARTING DEFENSE:

DE:	Owen Gilligan
DE:	Richie Markwarth
DT:	Mike Woodford
DT:	Dylan Chandler
LB:	Will McKay
LB:	Steve Arsenault
LB:	Patrick Letourneau
CB:	Tyler Keough
CB:	Nolan Timmons
SS:	Danny Fleming/Kyle Darrigo
FS:	Shane Aylward



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# The scores of the previous 85 meetings between Wilmington and Tewksbury

Year	Score	Year	Score
1935	Redmen 6, Wildcats 6	1978	Wildcats 14, Redmen 13
1936	Redmen 12, Wildcats 4	1979	Wildcats 27, Redmen 3
1937	Redmen 44, Wildcats 0	1980	Redmen 21, Wildcats 0
1938	Redmen 12, Wildcats 0	1981	Redmen 21, Wildcats 0
1939	Wildcats 7, Redmen 0	1982	Redmen 7, Wildcats 0
1940	Wildcats 19, Redmen 13	1983	Wildcats 35, Redmen 21
1941	Redmen 6, Wildcats 6	1984	Wildcats 9, Redmen 7
1942	Redmen 7, Wildcats 7	1985	Redmen 7, Wildcats 6
1943	Redmen 18, Wildcats 7	1986	Redmen 37, Wildcats 8
1944	Redmen 20, Wildcats 7	1987	Redmen 6, Wildcats 0
1945	Redmen 28, Wildcats 19	1988	Redmen 27, Wildcats 0
1946	Redmen 21, Wildcats 7	1989	Redmen 32, Wildcats 11
1947	Redmen 28, Wildcats 6	1990	Redmen 45, Wildcats 28
1948	Redmen 14, Wildcats 7	1991	Wildcats 32, Redmen 28
1949	Wildcats 54, Redmen 0	1992	Redmen 12, Wildcats 7
1950	Redmen 31, Wildcats 7	1993	Redmen 23, Wildcats 14
1951	Redmen 20, Wildcats 7	1994	Redmen 22, Wildcats 14
1952	Redmen 12, Wildcats 0	1995	Redmen 36, Wildcats 7
1953	Redmen 0, Wildcats 0	1996	Redmen 17, Wildcats 14
1954	Wildcats 7, Redmen 0	1997	Redmen 35, Wildcats 14
1955	Redmen 29, Wildcats 13	1998	Wildcats 14, Redmen 7
1956	Redmen 29, Wildcats 12	1999	Redmen 21, Wildcats 14
1957	Wildcats 21, Redmen 14	2000	Wildcats 21, Redmen 8
1958	Redmen 38, Wildcats 14	2001	Redmen 28, Wildcats 3
1959	Redmen 12, Wildcats 12	2002	Redmen 26, Wildcats 0
1960	Wildcats 12, Redmen 0	2003	Wildcats 41, Redmen 22
1961	Wildcats 18, Redmen 0	2004	Wildcats 19, Redmen 9
1962	Wildcats 22, Redmen 0	2005	Wildcats 28, Redmen 13
1963	Redmen 22, Wildcats 0	2006	Wildcats 20, Redmen 7
1964	Redmen 8, Wildcats 6	2007	Redmen 28, Wildcats 17
1965	Redmen 12, Wildcats 0	2008	Redmen 26, Wildcats 7
1966	Wildcats 22, Redmen 0	2009	Wildcats 34, Redmen 22
1967	Wildcats 22, Redmen 0	2010	Redmen 26, Wildcats 21
1968	Wildcats 34, Redmen 14	2011	Redmen 28, Wildcats 21
1969	Redmen 14, Wildcats 8	2012	Redmen 18, Wildcats 6
1970	Wildcats 13, Redmen 3	2013	Redmen 21, Wildcats 7
1971	Redmen 0, Wildcats 0	2014	Redmen 42, Wildcats 27
1972	Wildcats 13, Redmen 8	2015	Redmen 45, Wildcats 8
1973	Wildcats 24, Redmen 0	2016	Redmen 19, Wildcats 7
1974	Redmen 14, Wildcats 8	2017	Redmen 28, Wildcats 0
1975	Redmen 14, Wildcats 14	2018	Redmen 43, Wildcats 0
1976	Wildcats 32, Redmen 0		
1977	Redmen 27, Wildcats 8		

Games in bold are the more memorable games; Not all games were played on Thanksgiving.

## Wilmington High Football Season Stats

(Counting Endowment Game)				
	Score by Quarters			
Wilmington	40	55	36	46
Opponents	65	119	40	53
	Team Stats			
	W		Opp	
First Downs	136		112	
Rushes-Yards	346-1,398		294-1,701	
Pass-Att-Int	82-174-9		49-122-6	
Passing Yards	1,307		878	
Total Yards	2,705		2,579	
Penalties-yards	47-411		49-455	
Fumbles-Lost	15-14		14-6	

**Passing:** Joe McCauley 34-for-78, 484 yards, 7 TDs, 5 INTs; Tristan Ciampa 31-for-60, 448 yards, 2 TDs, 4 INTs; Christian Robarge 17-for-28, 377 yards, 4 TDs, 0 INTs; Pedro Germano 0-for-8, 0 yards, 1 INT.  
**Rushing:** Bailey Smith 205-879, 9 TDs; Christian Robarge 53-264, 1 TD; Tristan Ciampa 25-99, 1 TD; Kyle Vallee 20-89; Andre Turner 6-39; Jared Venezia 6-27; Peter DiAdamo 3-11; Adam LeBlanc 3- 10; Joseph DiMonico 2-4; Pedro Germano 5 - (-5); Team 2 - (-12); Joe McCauley 17 - (-43).  
**Receiving:** Christian Robarge 19-352, 2 TDs; Joao Germano 11-190, 2 TDs; Gavin Erickson 14-278, 4 TDs; Andre Turner 9-156, 2 TDs; Stephen Smolinsky 5-98, 1 TD; Marcello Misuraca 6-93, 1 TD; Tristan Ciampa 5-71, 1 TD; Bailey Smith 9-65; Pedro Germano 2-14; Jared Venezia 1-10; Kyle Vallee 1-2.  
**Scoring:** Bailey Smith 9 TDs, 54 points; Stephen Smolinsky 1 TD, 18 PATs, 1 Field Goal, 27 points; Andre Turner 3 TDs, 18 points; Christian Robarge, 2 TDs, 3 conversions, 24 points; Gavin Erickson 4 TDs, 24 points; Tristan Ciampa, 2 TDs, 12 points; Joao Germano 1 TD, 6 points; Marcello Misuraca 1 TD, 6 points; Jared Venezia, 2 pt conversion, 2 points.



Wilmington High senior captain Pat McAndrew, shown here against Lynnfield last week, has been a three-year starter on the offensive line, and then started to play nose guard this season on the defensive end. (Photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Wilmington High senior captain Pat McAndrew The ‘Big Guy’ continues to battle through adversity

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TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON - After their first game of the season, Billerica head coach Duane Sigsbury raved about the big guy on Wilmington's offensive line, No. 74.

Number 74 is senior captain Pat McAndrew, and strangely enough, several weeks after that game, he wasn't necessarily the biggest guy on the field anymore.

Before the season started, the three-year starting left tackle came in at 6-foot-3, 285 pounds. But about three to four weeks ago, he was down about 30 pounds from that weight.

"Pat had a tough injury earlier this year," said head coach Craig Turner. "He ended up losing about thirty pounds after getting a concussion. After that happened, he didn't eat much and didn't have much of an appetite.

"Earlier, this past summer, he worked really hard in the weight room and put on all kinds of weight and good weight too, but lost a lot of that after that injury. He's had a tough time coming back since, but I think he's been playing pretty well these last three weeks."

In Wilmington's third game of the season against Division 6 North Sectional Champion Bishop Fenwick, McAndrew said that when the teams broke for the halftime break, he knew he couldn't come back onto the field.

"I went into (the locker room) at halftime and I was just out of it so they took me out of the game," he recalled. "I went to the (Emergency Room) that night and they kept me for observation for four hours to see if I had a brain bleed and I didn't. They sent me home and told me to see my pediatrician and I did and was told that I had to sit out for a week, so no school and no football. I sat in dark rooms, glasses on, no TV, lots of water and lots of sleep. I was just really out of it. I went to school one day after the doctor's appointment and I couldn't do anything and the lights really hurt me.

"I stopped playing football during that time so I lost a lot of muscle. It was about eleven days without playing and I wasn't really eating much. My appetite went down and the doctors told me that I would have weight loss and it was common (after a concussion). When I came back, I started to hit the weights again and ever since then everything has been fine. I feel fine, the doctors cleared me and my appetite came back real quick."

Now healthy, McAndrew will continue to play on both sides of the ball come Thursday's Thanksgiving Day Game with

Tewksbury, left tackle on offense and at nose guard on defense. He serves as one of the team's four captains, but he along with fellow captain Bailey Smith, are three-year starters.

"Pat started at left tackle as a sophomore. He was probably the best lineman of that group as a sophomore," said Turner. "He's a really good kid and he's a tough kid. He's a really reliable kid. He's probably the most vocal of the captains that we have in terms of holding the kids accountable and making sure they are doing the right things.

"He played a little bit of defense last year and this year he has pretty much been a stalwart for us at noseguard. He's a big body and just plays really hard."

McAndrew broke in with the team during that magical 2017 season. The Wildcats ended up making program history, winning the first playoff game against Gloucester, before losing in the semi-finals to Marblehead.

"It was pretty awesome (being a part of that team)," he said. "I didn't know anybody and then I saw all of these great players around me and I had no idea of what was going on," he said. "It was almost overwhelming. That team was just so good and I just loved it. I absolutely loved being a part of it but then I got hurt."

Turner said he remembers when 'The Big Guy' went down with a season ending injury.

"Unfortunately during that season, Pat tore some ligaments in his knee," said Turner. "I believe it was after the Wakefield game and he was out for the rest of the year after that. That was tough for him not to be a part of such a successful season."

McAndrew tore his meniscus, had surgery on his right knee and spent nine months to rehabilitate.

"It was hard and sometimes it was more challenging than playing football just with all of the stuff that they had me do just on my right leg," he said. "It was really hard but all worth it. My leg was so small when I got out of surgery."

McAndrew was able to come back from that injury fully healthy and play every game last year, including the tough game on Thanksgiving, a 43-0 loss to Tewksbury.

"I learned a lot about their character (the last two years)," he said of the Redmen. "Whether they have the Super Bowl the next game, whether they are undefeated or no matter what the circumstances are, their starters will play the whole game and play as hard as they can."

And McAndrew and the rest of the Wildcats know

that won't be any different come Thursday morning at Doucette Field when the teams meet for the 86th time.

"I've only seen them on film," he said. "They play really hard so we're going to have to match it. They have a lot of good players. More than anything, we're going to play physical because I see wherever their offensive and defensive line go, they go."

He added that in order to even compete with the three-time sectional champions, Wilmington will have to start by matching Tewksbury's intensity and overall physical play.

"I think things are going very well this week for us," he said. "We have been very physical here at practice with our scout offense and our starting defense and then the other way around. We're being very physical here at practice all week and I think it's going to show against Tewksbury. You can tell because earlier in the year, if we dragged in practice, we then dragged in games."

The last time Wilmington beat Tewksbury was 2009. Since then it's been nine straight losses, which includes the 2013 and '14 seasons when McAndrew's half-brother Andrew Lesperance suited up for the 'Cats as a line-backer.

"Everything I did, I really modeled after him," said McAndrew, while adding that his half sister Mary Lesperance was also a former WHS Volleyball player. "Whatever he did on the football field, I tried to do on the football field. Whatever he did at home, I tried to do at home and I just really tried to follow in his footsteps."

Thursday will also mark the last football game that McAndrew competes in. He is looking to go to college to maybe become a defensive attorney, or study history, and has no intentions as of now to put the pads on past this game. He wants to finish his career off knowing that he bled Blue and White for every second, minute, inch and yard.

"I'm going to give it everything I have and make sure that I leave nothing on the field," he said. "I don't want to leave the field and next week be thinking that I could have done this or that on this play or that play. Just no regret and all that I have."

He added that when it comes to maximizing effort for this one final game, he won't be alone.

"We never give up," he said about his teammates. "More than anything, we go until the very last play and we always give it everything that we have. It's really great to see so many people just making really great effort plays."



Senior captain and two-way lineman

# For Mike Woodford, Thursday's game is now his Super Bowl

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TEWKSBURY - When the final whistle blew of the final game played last year, Mike Woodford had a pit in his stomach. After all, he had just spilled his guts on the same field that Tom Brady does each and every Sunday.

When he walked off the Gillette Stadium Field after the 20-7 loss to Springfield Central in the Division 3 State Championship game, Woodford knew that the two-year deep state tournament run for the Redmen wasn't going to an end before his final season.

And it didn't. "As soon as we lost at Gillette last year, I thought that we had a Super Bowl team this year," he said. "It was a heart-breaker (on Saturday, losing to Duxbury in the state

semi-final game). We had full confidence going into that game."

Like last year's Super Bowl, Tewksbury was defeated by simply a better team when Duxbury came away with a 35-6 victory on Saturday as the Redmen fell one win away from facing that same Central team, back at Gillette Stadium for what would have been a December 7th date.

"It's definitely tough to go out there, give it your all and fall by the margin that we did (against Duxbury)," he said. "It's definitely not what we wanted so that's tough. It's the end of the ride and that's it. We still have Thanksgiving but (Saturday) was tough because you know that you can't go any further than that now."

Last year, the now senior captain and two-way lineman, who stands in at 6-foot-1, 305 pounds,

helped the Redmen reach the pinnacle - something he will never forget the rest of his life.

"It was a different type of experience, going out and playing on that field," he said. "It was so different than any other field that I had ever played on - all of the bright lights, everything was just crazy. It's definitely one of the better experiences of my life, even though it didn't end the way we all wanted it to end. We sat on that loss and I think it really fed us this year."

It certainly did. While replacing nearly all but several starters on both sides of the ball, this year's team is currently 9-2, which included dramatic playoff wins over Lynn English, Concord-Carlisle and Winchester.

One of the few returning players from last year's team is Woodford, who was a returning defensive tackle, and also saw time

on the offensive line each of the past two years.

"Mike's an unusually big kid for Tewksbury standards," said head coach Brian Aylward. "He's done some good things the last couple of years. This year he has had a solid season, unexpectedly on the offensive side of the ball. He has probably done better there for us than he has defensively and early on in the season we figured that was where he could help us best. We needed it and he has played pretty good there."

The offensive line has really played well collectively all season long. The group has helped newcomer quarterback Ryne Rametta get his feet wet and in the pocket trying to find open receivers, and also creating the holes and making blocks for the talented backfield, which on any given day is different between fellow captains Shane Aylward and Tyler Keough, juniors Kyle Darrigo and Kalu Olu, as well as sophomore Danny Fleming. All five of those kids are talented with the ball in their hand, and with space to run and shift past defenders.

"All of the linemen here know the plays," said Woodford. "It's just getting into games and getting used to each other. (Saturday) we were a little shaky but for the most part we got the job done this year."

Woodford said that he will most likely continue to play football next year, most likely at a Division 3 college. He has already been accepted to both Dean and Western New England. But until those days come next fall, he still has some plans with



Tewksbury Memorial High School senior captain Mike Woodford has been a three-year fixture on the offensive line for the Redmen, and two-year starter on the defensive line.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



In the Division 3 Sectional Championship game, Mike Woodford moves in to make a tackle on quarterback Tommy Degnan. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

his buddies who wear the Tewksbury colors.

"I know Wilmington has had a tough season but they are always chomping at the bit to get to us," he said. "This is going to be the last one that we play out there so they are going to be as fired up as we're going to be, actually not sure about that. Hanging up the old Tewksbury red and blue (uniform) is going to be tough. It'll definitely be an emotional day. Everytime I step out on that field, it's always an emotional day."

Everyday that he steps out on that field, he is helping this Tewksbury team get better and possibly can help a future program get better.

"Against those teams who want to just drive ahead right at us, Mike's an important piece of that

on the defensive end," said Aylward. "He cares and has done a good job of trying to rally the guys up leading up to the games and that sort of stuff. He's probably one of our more vocal guys on that end. He's had a good career here but he's not done yet. He has one more game left and we're going to need him to have a big game on Thursday." The game will also be special for his family. Mike's sister, Tricia, is a member of the cheerleading team, and his father Mike played at Malden Catholic during his high school days.

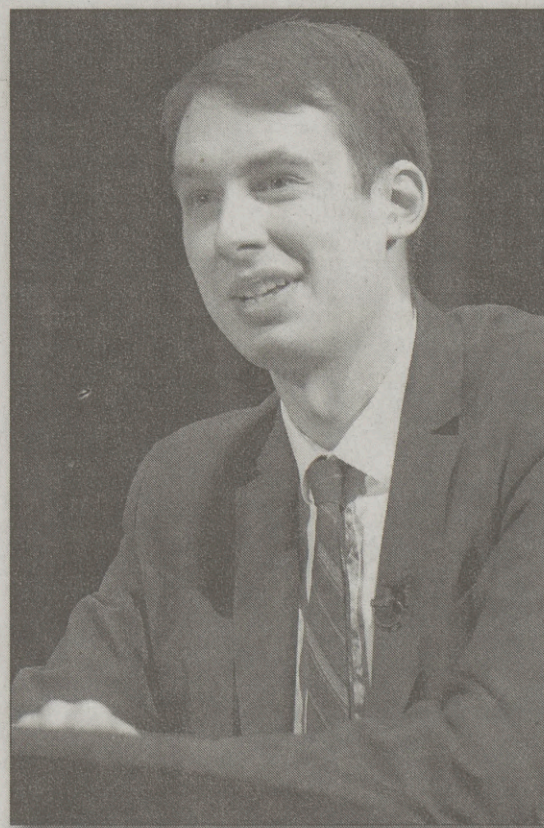
"I grew up loving football and playing it. My Dad (Mike) played it too at Malden Catholic (as a tackle). I grew up knowing that I was going to play football. It's what I love," he said.

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Senior captain has flipped between QB and WR

# No matter what position he is put into, Robarge has made the most of it

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TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON - When Thursday's 86th annual Wilmington-Tewksbury Football game officially begins, it won't be difficult to find Christian Robarge on the field. That's because No. 8 never comes off of any field.

But if you are the casual fan, you may have a hard time figuring out where the senior captain plays. Is it wide receiver? Quarterback? Slot back? Running back?

"He does it all. He's our best athlete," said Wilmington head coach Craig Turner.

Growing up and throughout the subvarsity

levels, Robarge - a three-sport athlete including hockey and lacrosse - played quarterback, but over the summer and into this season, he was switched to a wide receiver.

"We kind of saw it last year of what he could be in terms of a receiver," said Turner. "I saw it personally last year (coaching in) lacrosse. He just does everything for that lacrosse program. He takes face-offs, he's out there man-up, man-down, he scores goals and defends their best guy."

Through the first four games of this football season (counting the endowment game against Billerica), Robarge had nine catches for 225 yards, including a huge night

with 4 catches for 123 yards in the team's loss to Woburn.

Two games later, the team's starting quarterback Tristan Ciampa went down with an injury and that forced the Wildcats to put freshman Joe McCauley into an extremely tough situation, facing Melrose, one of the top teams in the entire state.

After Melrose dominated Wilmington and the 'Cats fell to 0-4 (0-3 officially), Turner and his staff decided to a new plan.

"We needed a spark at quarterback and Joe (McCauley) was still getting his feet wet, so we put a package together for Christian and he really runs it well," said Turner.

Watertown, completing 6-of-7 passes for 106 yards with a pair of TD passes, while also rushing for 63 yards.

Against Burlington, he completed 2-of-4 attempts for 50 yards and a TD and also rushed for 46 yards.

During that time as well as the two league games that followed, Robarge and McCauley were basically splitting time as the signal caller. Robarge would run the 'spread offense' and McCauley would run the 'Power-I'.

McCauley was then shifted to QB during the team's wins over Saugus and Gloucester in the consolation rounds of the state tournament, before Robarge was inserted back there in the second half against Lynnfield. In that loss, he played terrific, almost leading the team to an incredible comeback victory, finishing the game with 152 combined yards between throwing and running.

On the season, Robarge has some impressive stats. As a QB, he has completed 17-of-28 passes (61 percent) for 377 yards with 4 TD passes and zero interceptions. He has also rushed for 264 yards with one score, and then as a receiver, he has 352 yards and two touchdowns. All in all, he has 993 yards from scrimmage.

Robarge was asked about being flipped back and forth between the positions.

"I like playing quarterback because I get the ball more," he said. "I've played quarterback basically my whole life so going back to it wasn't that hard. It's just difficult, switching and going back and forth, thinking I'm playing wide receiver one game or I play quarterback one game or the other way around."

During the 2.5 games as a receiver against Saugus, Gloucester and then Lynnfield, Robarge had just four catches for 48 yards, so it seems like he is more valuable touching the ball more as the QB.

"We've tried. We have really tried to get him the



Wilmington High senior Christian Robarge, shown here getting tackled by Ray Magliozzi, led his team to a victory over Burlington earlier this season.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

ball more (when he's not a quarterback). When he's a receiver, everybody is trying to shut him down so it gets tough. You try to stay away from forcing things," said Turner.

No matter where Robarge plays on offense - while he is also the team's free safety on defense - he knows this is it, this Thursday will mark the last time he either calls the plays in the huddle, lines up as a wide receiver or tries to defend passes on the defensive end of the field.

"This game is going to mean a lot," he said. "It's going to be the last time that I get to play with all of these kids. If I play in college, it's not going to be the same because I won't be playing with all of the kids who I grew up playing with."

While Robarge has grown up and played with a lot of his teammates, he has also grown up watching members of his family suit up for the Wildcats. Two years ago, when he was a sophomore, his cousin Tommy Robarge played, and before him included fellow cousins Johnny and Matt Kincaid, while back in the late 1970s, his uncle John Robarge was the team's quarterback.

Christian is part of a huge family, which

includes his siblings Nick, Hayley and Caroline, who were all athletes in various sports at WHS.

"I know all of them are going to be there to watch me so that's great," he said. "Then I'll see them the rest of the day, so they can cheer me up if things don't go well, and they are there to always support me."

With his family in the stands, Robarge - like the rest of the Wildcats - realize that the team will have to play near perfect ball to come away with an upset win over the three-time Division 3 North Sectional Champions from Tewksbury.

"They are definitely good and they are good every year," he said. "It's mostly the same kids who we played against during our freshman year and they were really good then so I assume they are going to be really good now. They are very good every year."

"We just have to play our game. We can't fear them and have to come out and play them like we did in the first half against Billerica. We can't shy away from contact. We have to just do our jobs and just really play well."

Like Christian Robarge has all season long ... no matter the position he has played.



Senior Christian Robarge has played a number of different positions this season for the Wildcats including wide receiver. In the Lynnfield game, he tries to get past Colby Clattenburg.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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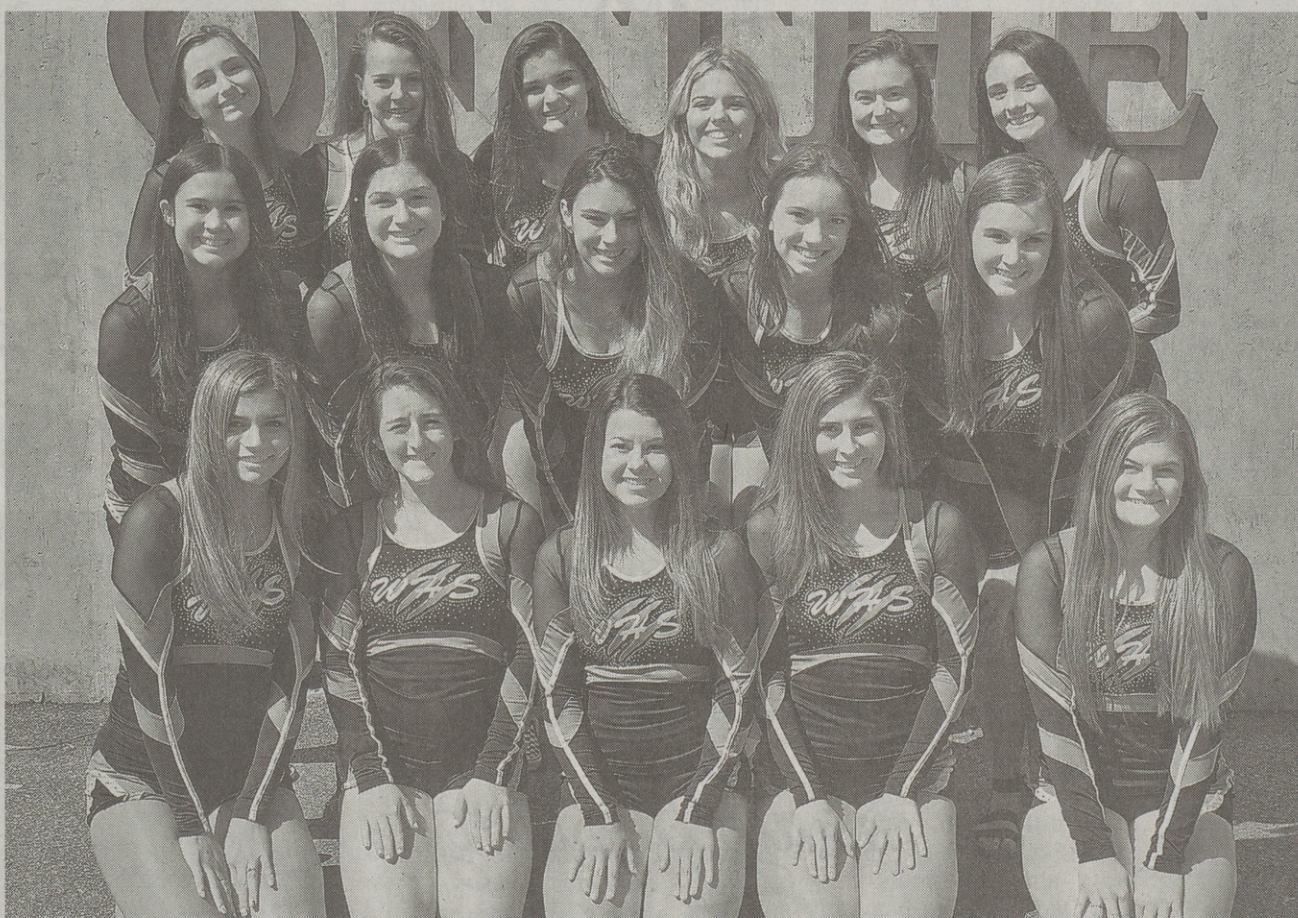
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The WHS Cheerleading team includes: front row from left, Alex DiRienzo, Shannon Barrett, Abby Silveira, Kaitlyn Howland and Tori Sanborn; Middle row from left, Emersyn Foresyth, Alison Celata, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Jessica Hayduk and Julia Campbell; and back row from left, Kendall Estabrook, Alison Fogg, Tiffanie Smith, Tori Ciampa, Rachel Nally and Sofia Donovan.

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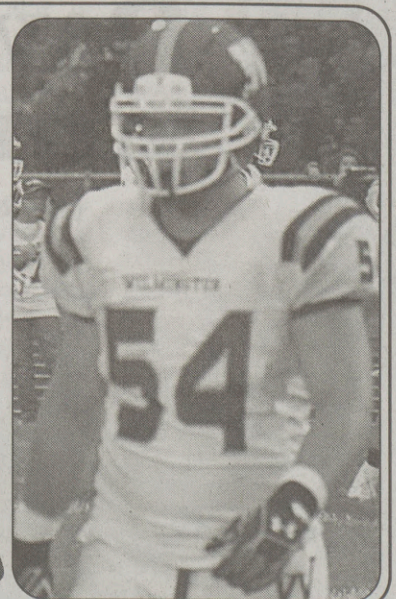


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## Thirty-nine years of coaching the Redmen Offensive Line

# Norton has a strong connection with Tewksbury

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TEWKSBURY- Every Thursday afternoon offensive line coach Paul Norton, courtesy of his wife Margaret, arrives before practice with a big batch of homemade brownies for "his boys." It might seem like an odd routine for a man who looks like an intimidating presence, but it's part and parcel of being a devoted and caring coach who connects with the young men he tutors in the fine art of offensive line play, treating the group that fires up the Tewksbury offense with respect while at the same time nurturing a well-documented offensive lineman's need for good food-and plenty of it.

Everyone gets the treats, from the starters to the linemen who might see their only lengthy playing time of the season against Wilmington Thanksgiving morning. For 39 years, the offensive linemen at Tewksbury Memorial High School have been like a family to Paul Norton.

"Paul's wife has done the brownies for years, and they look forward to it," says retired TMHS head football coach Bob Aylward, who coached with Norton at Nashua High School before returning to Tewksbury in 1995. "It's a family thing. And he's the proud papa."

Paul didn't mention his wife's baking skills before the Redmen took the field to play Winchester in the Division Three North Championship game. What he did mention was his love for Tewksbury and the many reasons why he decided to stick around and help Bob's son Brian make another championship run with a team boasting a tradition of success with deep family ties.

"The kids' work ethic is just special here," says Norton about one of the big reasons why he loves coaching these Redmen. "They say in life that the kids change. I don't think the kids change at all. The times change, but if you are on the level with them and you treat them with respect every day and they know that you care about them, they will work hard for you. I find that these kids really work hard. What's unique about Tewksbury is we had linemen like (Zach) Weitz last year at 157 (pounds), and this year I've got Mike Woodford at a robust 285 (pounds). They come in all shapes and sizes. If you want to spill your guts and get after it, there is a spot for you on the offensive line here. We play anybody and everybody."

Everybody understands that their coach sets the tone and a fine example every day at practice. There is a high attention to detail and rules to follow. Norton's track record at his "other" job speaks volumes. Just knowing where Paul worked every day before his retirement might even be intimidating to some young men. Welcome to the Billerica House of Correction, Paul Norton's place of employment for 34 years.

**Longest running superintendent in Middlesex**



For the past 39 years, Paul Norton has been the TMHS Offensive Line Coach, serving under Bob Aylward and now Brian Aylward. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

### Jail and House of Correction history

Norton spent 34 years working at the Middlesex Jail and House of Correction in Billerica. It's a tough job that can be a grind even on its' better days - and there aren't many of those days when you are dealing with anyone who is incarcerated. Paul Norton did that tough job and he did it well - so well that he was Superintendent in Billerica for 14 years - the longest running Superintendent in the jail's history.

For many of his years spent working at the jail, Paul held a part time position (1980-1995) coaching at his alma mater Malden Catholic. He was coaching at Malden Catholic when current TMHS head coach Brian Aylward and his brother Rob were Redmen winning a Schoolboy Super Bowl in what is now Gillette Stadium back in 1985. Bob Aylward was coaching both of his sons to a championship that day.

When Bob Aylward left Tewksbury after many years to take the head coaching position at Nashua High School, he hired Norton as his offensive line coach. The senior Aylward knew all about Norton's years as a stand-out lineman at Malden Catholic and Northeastern University. And he knew that he needed a taskmaster with presence to help him jumpstart the Nashua High School football program. He got the perfect coaching personality in Norton. With longtime TMHS assistant coach Ernie Lightfoot coaching the Nashua receivers, Aylward felt that he had the right coaching combination in place. The "three amigos" would be an example for a program that at the time needed to be pointed in a positive direction. With Lightfoot working for the Town of Tewksbury and Norton at the House of Correction, at the very least the Nashua players had role models showing them what a solid work ethic was all about.

"I learned a lot from Ernie. Like paying attention to details. Those were good years up there in Nashua," remembers Norton. "Then I came down here when Bobby came back to Tewksbury in 1995."

Norton has stuck around long enough to coach for Bob's son and see another generation of Aylwards come around to help lead the Redmen to a State Championship. The senior Aylward knows how fortunate his son is to have a veteran coach like Norton around to help start another edition of "Tewksbury

Tough" for these Redmen.

"He's a high-quality guy to begin with," offers Bob Aylward. "He was a terrific player in his day. He was working in Billerica and it just so happened that he was available. It just worked out great. Then he came down to Tewksbury from Nashua with me. Then he stayed with Brian."

Aylward admires Norton's work ethic and his ability to connect with linemen. With good reason. There aren't a lot of 64-year-old guys running around willing to have a laugh and a good time before buckling down and getting right to work.

"He's a gem. He's one of those rare guys that can spend two hours a day out in a field with his group of kids and can do it, and do it the right way," said Aylward. "His language is great. His knowledge is superior. Since he's retired he's had all this time to study. He does a great job in all those aspects in order for Brian to be able to be as multiple as they are on offense. They do a really good job of trying to get the right blocking scheme and the right sets."

And Norton has nice mix about his coaching style. Approachable yet direct. Adaptable and willing to learn as the coaching styles evolved over the years.

"The huge change in this program is how much these kids do in the weight room," notes Aylward. "These kids are strong. They are undersized at times, but they are strong. If you see Paul at practice, he will be off on his own with his group. His drills are technique specific. He's definitely an old-school guy for sure. But he's adapted to the changes for sure. And he's a great rules guy. He always has the football rules book beside him."

"Coach Norton is the best," says TMHS Athletic Director Ron Drouin. "He brings consistency here every day. He brings professionalism. He brings a wealth of knowledge at his position. He's been around a long time with Coach Aylward and Brian. There is a lot of trust on Brian's part in Coach Norton to execute their schemes and help to run quality practices every day."

### A big part of the Redmen offense

Norton is a big cog in Tewksbury High School's offensive wheel. Without Norton leading a group that includes Kyle Scrooc, Robbie Kimtis, Antonio Capelo, Mike Woodford, Anthony DeSisto and Dylan Chandler there would be little room for the gaggle of running

backs displaying that typical Tewksbury "wobble" to the outside. And the Redmen are fully capable of running to the inside between either tackle. TMHS Hall of Fame running backs Jay Petros and Rick Mackey would be proud.

The Redmen tradition of running back excellence continues with players like Shane Aylward, Kyle Darrigo, Tyler Keough, Danny Fleming and Kalu Olu hitting the many holes provided by Norton's collection of well-coached offensive linemen.

"We use a lot of formations, and sometimes our offensive linemen move around a little bit," offers Norton. "We're not one of those spread teams with bucket steps and zone blocking. We're a team that still traps and pulls. We've still got (blocking) sleds over there. How many teams know what that's all about anymore? We've lightened up the hitting a little bit. There is more learning and film work. We're just relaxing the kids and not getting all excited about it. You're limited to so many contact practices during the week, especially this time of year. You want to keep the kids healthy and hitting on all cylinders."

Norton doesn't necessarily measure his tenure in Tewksbury through the prism of victory and defeat. Championships are nice for sure, but for Norton, sometimes just seeing a kid turning a corner in life and on the football field is a very big deal.

"Sometimes you measure the highlights in Super Bowls," he admits. "Super Bowls are nice, but I think about the kids who don't necessarily always start or who aren't three year players. The kids who maybe just get in there on Turkey Day against Wilmington- yet they are here for every single practice. They never miss one. I think about the dedication and the community support - the overall atmosphere of the program."

### A thankful mentor and some first-ever brownies

Norton counts Lightfoot as one of his mentors throughout his many years in Tewksbury. When they both came back to Tewksbury with Bob Aylward, it was Lightfoot who understood just how difficult it could be juggling a fulltime job with part-time coaching duties. Ernie, who was working for the Town of Tewksbury at the time, helped to make Norton's job easier with some advice while Paul was motoring between Nashua, Billerica

and Tewksbury. The pair bonded after practices, swapping stories and football strategy. Lightfoot returns the favor when it comes to figuring out who mentored who. "I learned a lot from him," remembers Lightfoot. "Paul's old school- but he knows what he's doing today. I'm happy that he's still in Tewksbury."

And so is Tewksbury High School senior lineman Scrooc, who found himself playing some offensive line for the first time this season.

"Coach Norton is intense, he really is," offered Scrooc. "He cares about each and every one of us like we were his own sons. It's just really awesome to see. He knows what we can do, and he wants us to do our best every time that we go out there."

After the big playoff vic-

tory over Winchester, Scrooc was asked about his coach and what he means to his development as a neophyte along the offensive line. And what about those brownies? Just how good are they? The young man burst out laughing before delivering his answer.

"I haven't had them yet because I wasn't a lineman last year, but I've gotten some doughnuts and Ring-Dings. Hopefully the brownies are this week."

What more can an offensive lineman ask for? It might be time for a big batch of those brownies after another Tewksbury State Championship. Food and victory. And a solid coaching connection with a man who genuinely cares. On this Thanksgiving morning, be thankful for people like Paul Norton.

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The Football was purchased from ebay in Florida, then sent to Wilmington

## Fifty-three years later, the game ball from 1966 returns

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WILMINGTON/JACKSONVILLE, FL. -- A short while ago, a retired Deputy Sheriff/Police Officer from Jacksonville, Florida, came across a piece of Wilmington High School Football history.

Jim Jordan recently bought a "Spalding J5-V Football" from ebay, only knowing that it was a game ball from a high school football game played over 50 years ago.

The date: November 24, 1966. And where did the ball come from? The Wilmington-Tewksbury Thanksgiving Day game.

"I bought the game ball on ebay and me being a retired deputy police officer, I had to do background work on the football," explained Jordan. "I soon found the school,

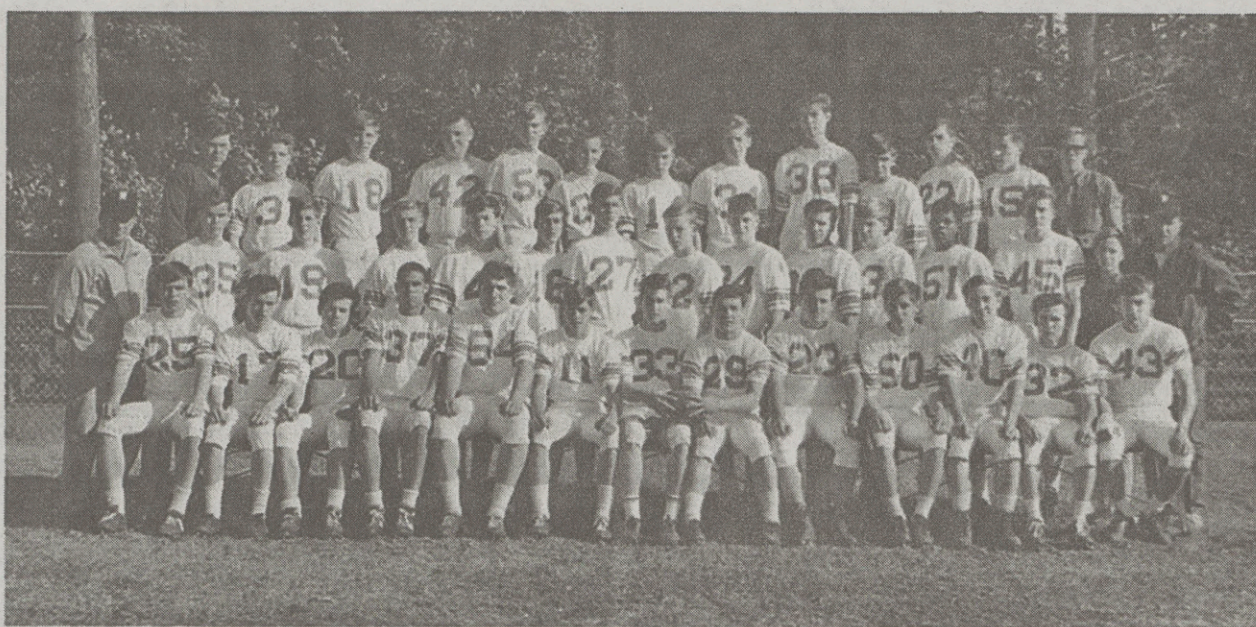
Florida with information on a very special football from our school. He purchased the Spalding J5-V Football on ebay only knowing that it was a game ball. The ball is in great shape and had the players and coaches names on it.

"He told me the score written on the side is 22-0 and that he researched our school's history and saw we had many winning teams in the late 1960's and beyond. I told Jim that I was a sophomore on that team in '66. Jim got right back to me saying I see your 'Eddie Harrison' on the back of the ball."

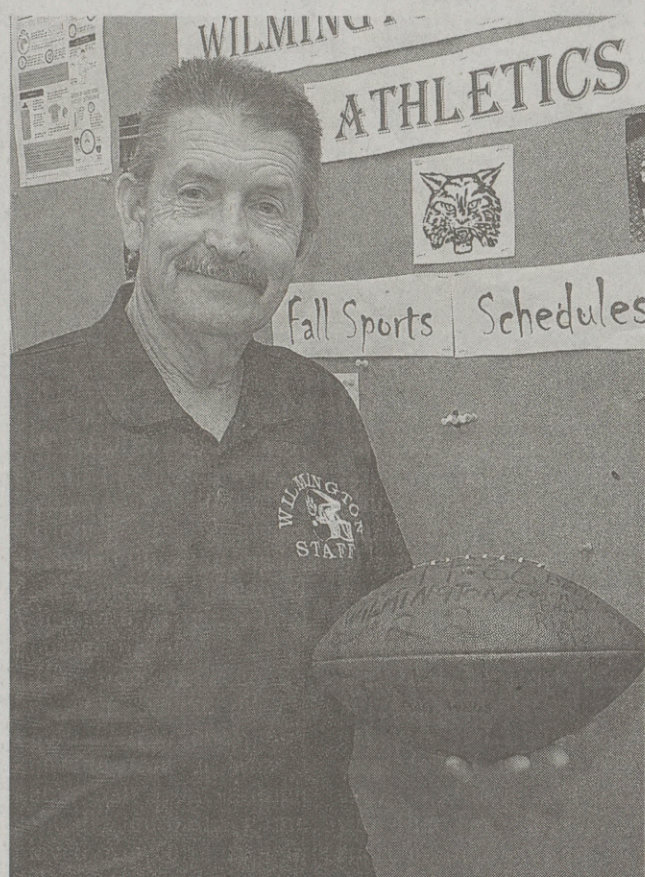
Jordan was asked how all of this came about.

"I was looking at several used 'Duke' (University) Wilson Footballs, and I ran across the Spalding J5-V Football, which was forty

## The 1966 WHS Football Team



First Row: Billy Walls, Hank Devlin, Jack Gillis, Paul Maloney, Roland Wood, Bobby Flores, Co-Captains Rick Ely and Dick Doucette, Eddie Gillis, Jimmy Cushing, Wes Kobylac, Billy Sheehan, Mike O'Rourke. Second Row: Coach Bellissimo, Bobby Barry, Jimmy Tildsley, Jerry Land, Danny O'Connell, Jimmy Brewster, Jimmy Kennedy, Tommy Ely, Doug Keller, Jimmy Moore, Allen Greene, Bob McAllister, Coach Palm. Third Row: Billy Pickowitz, Danny LeDuc, Gary Hebsch, Chuckie Casey, Doug Smith, Jack Irwin, Jack Burns, Eddie Harrison, Dickie Reitchel, Bobby Stewart, George Phillips, Kevin Mac Millan, Robert Quandt.



Wilmington High School Interim (and formerly retired) Athletic Director Ed Harrison, holds up the ball from the 1966 season -- which was bought off ebay from a retired police officer in Florida. Harrison was a member of the team and his signature is on the ball.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wilmington Mass, with the town of Tewksbury located nearby. I realized that the ball was the game ball played between the two schools on Thanksgiving Day, a rival played between the two schools ever since 1935."

All of Jordan's background information was certainly true. He then contacted Wilmington High School's interim (and formerly retired) Athletic Director, coach and player, Ed Harrison.

"I received an email from a Jim Jordan from

dollars and then another ten dollars for shipping and it looked to be very interesting with all of the names on it," he said. "Upon receiving the ball in the mail, I could not help but look up the two towns (Wilmington and Tewksbury).

"I then emailed the woman who I purchased the ball from on e-bay and she explained to me that the ball was purchased at an Estate Sale in New Hampshire, which was Dr. Fagan's residence before he passed away. Dr. Fagan

was honored with the ball after that 1966 Thanksgiving Day Game. The ball must have kept inside a box in a closet for 53 years due to its pristine condition."

From there Jordan contacted Harrison.

"I had the football seating on my bedroom dresser, and at night time I felt the ball was telling me to get it back to Massachusetts where it belongs," he said. "Mr. Harrison emailed me back and said that he would love to have the ball, that he played on that team that year as a sophomore. I went and looked at the ball and there as big as the state of Dallas, was his name. We made an arraignment to transfer ownership of the ball."

Jordan happens to be the same age as of Harrison. He said he was a sophomore at a high school in Jacksonville, Florida in 1966 and after graduation, he went into the Navy. From there he had several jobs including 24 years with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Additionally, he worked at a law school, worked manual labor at the Tournament of Players Championship Golf Course at Sawgrass.

"I have never been to the New England area but have worked with several people that lived there for many years and the moved down here. I have always liked the people that grew up outside of Boston, but never the ones that grew up in

(the city),"he said with a laugh.

The Good People who live outside of the city, the Wildcats finished that 1966 season with a record of 5-2-2. Wilmington opened the season posting four shut outs with a scoreless tie against Andover, a 14-0 win over North Andover, before another scoreless tie against Methuen and then an 18-0 win over Dracut.

From there was a 22-6 win over Burlington, before back-to-back close defeats to Chelmsford, 13-12 and North Reading, 13-6, before ending the season with two more shut out victories over Billerica, 28-0 and then Tewksbury 22-0.

The team was coached by Hall of Famer Fred Bellissimo with assistant Kenny Palm.

After that Tewksbury game, the members of the team signed the ball. The team's captains were Dick Doucette and Rick Ely. It was Doucette who scored two touchdowns in that Turkey Day win.

The other offensive members of the team included ends Paul Maloney and Mike O'Rourke, tackles Eddie Gillis and Roland Wood, guards Jackie Gillis and Ely, centers Jim Cushing and Wesley Kobylac, quarterback Billy Walls, right halfback Bobby Flores with Danny O'Connell, Henry Devlin and Doucette as well.

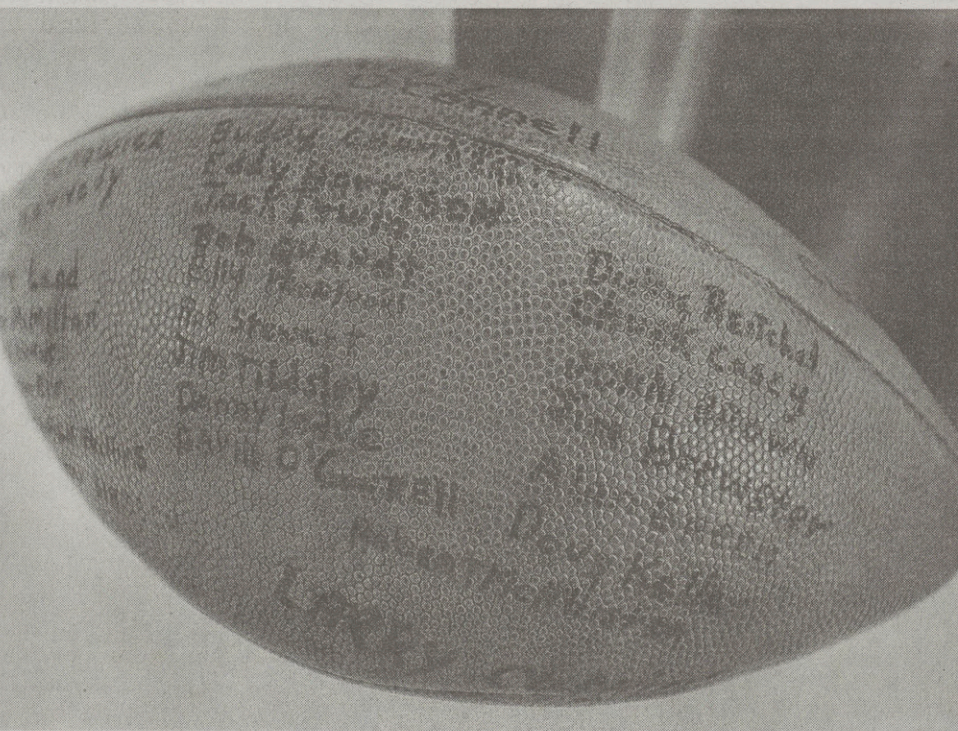
Other members of the team included Billy Sheehan, Bobby Barry, Jimmy Tildsley, Jerry Land, Jimmy Kennedy, Tommy Ely, Doug Keller, Jimmy Moore, Allen Greene, Bob McAllister,

Billy Pickowitz, Danny LeDuc, Gary Hebsch, Chuckie Casey, Doug Smith, Jack Irwin, Jack Burns, Harrison, Dickie Reitchel, Bobby Stewart, George Phillips, Kevin MacMillan and Rober Quandt.

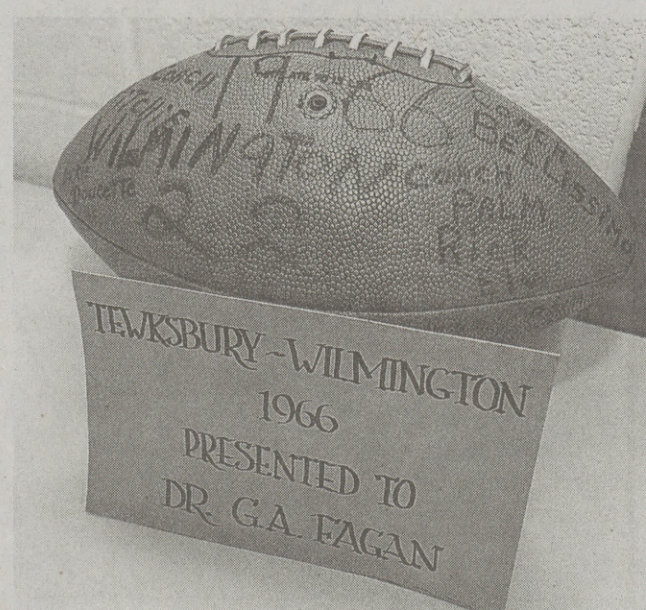
"Jim said the ball was given to Dr. Gerald Fagan after the game and he kept it in his closet for (53) years. There was an estate sale and a woman purchased the ball and placed it on ebay and he bought it. He told me that he loved the ball but deep inside, something told him to find the right owner and place to display it."

And indeed it is on display.

"Jim is pleased to know that we will put the ball in our trophy case," said Harrison.



The 1966 Football was signed by every member of the WHS team after they defeated Tewksbury, 22-0, on Thanksgiving Day. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



## Wilmington's 2019 Season

Lost Woburn	17-8
Lost Bishop Fenwick	40-6
Lost Melrose	48-14
Beat Watertown	33-7
Beat Burlington	21-14
Lost Stoneham	43-7
Lost Wakefield	35-14
<b>Non-Qualifying Games</b>	
Beat Saugus	14-8
Beat Gloucester	31-12
Lost Lynnfield	25-22

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Two-way end putting together a tremendous season

# Gilligan no longer stranded on his own island

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TEWKSBURY - Ever since his son Shane Aylward was little, Brian Aylward has watched the majority of the older players develop as football players through the youth level in town and all the way up to his program at the high school.

One of those players who stood out during those youth days was Owen Gilligan.

Although his path to stardom may have taken a little more time than expected, Aylward has not only watched Gilligan (6-1, 175 pounds) become a force on both ends of the ball as tight end and defensive end, but said that there's no way the Redmen would be 9-2, including three playoff wins, without No. 87.

"I'm proud of Owen," said the coach. "He's a guy, who growing up I watched a lot. I've been watching all of these guys since they were little by going to Shane's games and Owen was a kid who

we had high hopes for coming in. It's been a couple of years (in the making) but this year he has exceeded our expectations. He's one of the better players that we have."

Those expectations were met immediately when pre-season started. Back in the hot days of August, Aylward was still trying to figure out his personnel after losing almost the entire starting line-up on both sides of the ball from last year's Super Bowl finalist team.

"In order for us to have the success that we have had this year, we needed Owen to step up really in two positions," said Aylward. "We knew that the Danny Fleming kid was coming up and we knew that we had to find a spot for him to play. Originally we went in thinking that tight end would be the spot for Danny, but Owen just came like gangbusters right out of the gate. He just performed so well at tight end right from the beginning and that's when we knew that we

could use Danny at his more natural position at running back."

Last year Gilligan played behind several seniors, but was hoping that his day and his opportunity would come. He worked hard in the off-season and mentally prepared himself knowing that he would be asked to step in and play a crucial role.

Gilligan eventually won the tight end (and defensive end) spot and continued to improve, working with his fellow linemen and under the guidance of longtime offensive line coach Paul Norton.

"As a tight end, I've had to do some blocking, run some routes and catch some balls," said Gilligan. "We all have to block for the running backs, Shane, Kyle (Darrigo), Kalu (Olu) and Danny - so I had to get my blocks down each week. We work on blocking schemes and what we're going to run every week, early in practices usually on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

"We are well-coached from the beginning (of pre-season). They tell us that we need to get it done and we all come together."

Tewksbury started out 1-1 on the season, losing to Methuen in week two before reeling off eight straight wins, including three in the playoffs before falling in the Division 3 state semi-final game on Saturday to Duxbury. Before that, in the second win over Concord-Carlisle, it was Gilligan, who caught the first touchdown of the game.

"When coach called the formation, we lined up after we were in the huddle and (quarterback Ryne Rametta) said 'hut' and I looked in front of me and there was no one there," recalled Gilligan, who is also a member of the TMHS Lacrosse team. "I was wide open. I made a cut off of my route and he threw me the ball and I just went up there and grabbed it. It felt pretty good, especially (the touchdown) coming towards the end of the year, in a playoff game, and in a big moment."

Come this Thursday when Tewksbury hosts Wilmington in the 86th meeting, Gilligan - who has six catches for 83 yards - is hoping that he can execute and enjoy more big moments, knowing that this will be his final football game of his life.

"This is the last game on Doucette Field," he said, while adding that he plans on attending college to become a mechanical engineer, but not strap on the helmet any longer.

"Since we have all been little, it's been a dream of ours to play in the Thanksgiving Day game, especially at home. It's a really big game, and it means a lot to be playing in it."

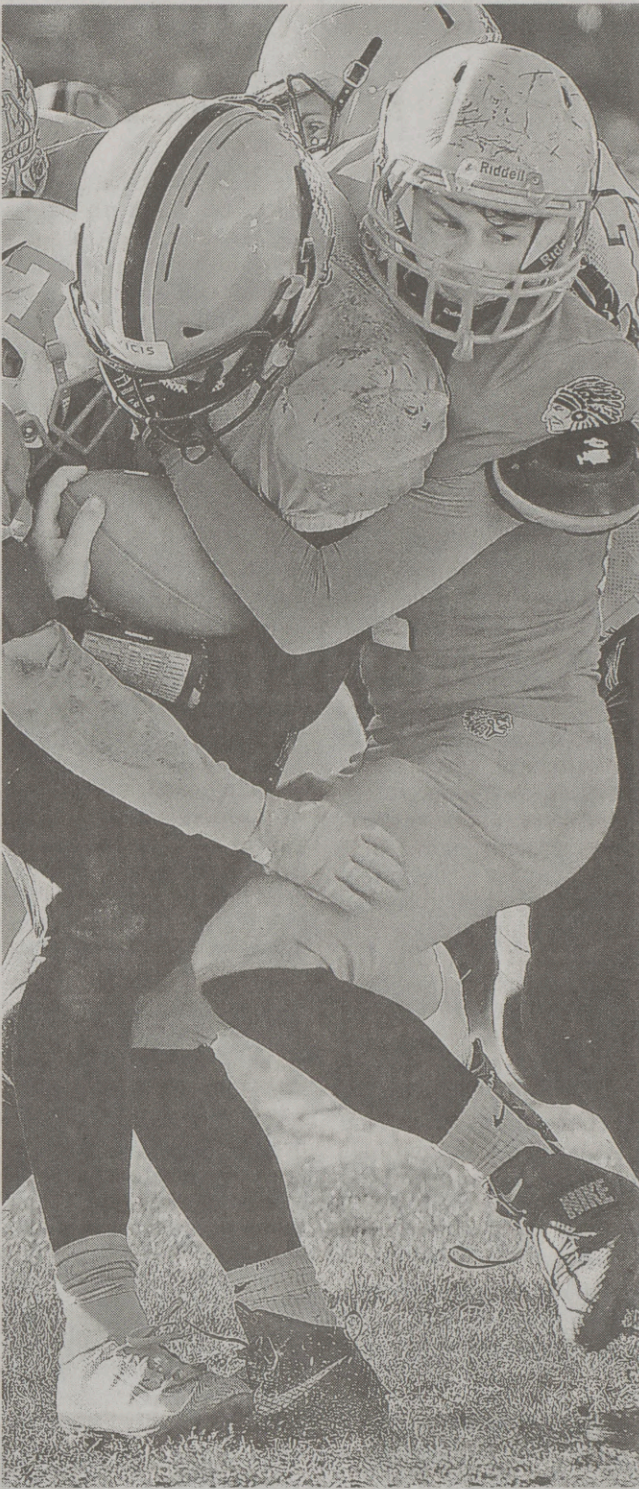
Wilmington comes into the game at 4-6, but well rested, while, Tewksbury is 9-2, coming off a tough and emotional loss and have some bumps and bruises across the board. The records, the rest, the injuries, are all thrown out the window on this one special day of the year.

"I really don't know much about (Wilmington) right now," he said. "We will watch some film, but we get ready for each opponent that we're going to face next. We just have to get ready for them because they are going to want to come out and beat us obviously. They have lost to us the last few years, so they are still going to want to come out and beat us on Thanksgiving."

Win or another tough loss, Gilligan knows that in his final football game, he will have a large support group on hand - with six siblings - Lindsey, 30, Sara, 27, Julia, 22, Robbie, 20, Ava, 15 and Luke, 8 - cheering him on.

"It was a (crowded) house growing up, but you get used to it," he said, while noting that Robbie played football and lacrosse early on in high school, while his father Dean played football at Reading High School. "I have siblings all around me, older and younger."

And they have all witnessed their brother have one heck of a senior season.



Tewksbury Memorial High School senior Owen Gilligan has had a tremendous season as both a tight end and defensive end for the Redmen, including making a tackle in the team's dramatic sectional championship win over Winchester. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Tewksbury's Season Scores

### TEWKSBURY

Beat Needham	32-6
Lost Methuen	26-14
Beat BC High	18-14
Beat North Andover	34-20
Beat Billerica	32-14
Beat Chelmsford	35-6
Beat Dracut	44-0

### Playoffs

Beat Lynn English	31-28
Beat Concord-Carlisle	27-26
Beat Winchester	29-28
Lost Duxbury	35-6

## TMHS SEASON STATS

Tewksbury	59	97	68	51	-275
Opponents	54	60	31	32	-167

### Teams Stats

	T	Opp
First Downs	150	146
Rushes-Yards	358-1,881	327-1,382
Pass-Att-Int	83-154-8	102-193-6
Passing Yards	1,209	1,580
Total Yards	3,090	2,962
Penalties-Yards	46-420	37-287
Fumbles-Lost	8-5	16-11

### Individual Stats

Passing: Ryne Rametta 81-for-148, 1,189 yards, 13 TDs, 8 INTs; Tyler Keough 2-for-2, 30 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs; Danny Fleming 0-for-2, 0 yards, 1 INT; Nolan Timmons 0-for-1, 0 yards; Shane Aylward 0-for-1, 0 yards.

Rushing: Kyle Darrigo 138-720, 13 TDs; Kalu Olu 74-451, 3 TDs; Shane Aylward 30-206, 6 TDs; Danny Fleming 39-204, 3 TDs; Tyler Keough 26-183, 3 TDs; Cameron Cimmino 6-49; Patrick Fleming 4-17; Michael Kelly 4-11; Nick Tracy 1-5; Jake Kaiser 2-4; Sean Fahey 2-3; Aiden Trulli 3 - (-6); Team 1 - (-10); Ryne Rametta 27 - (-85), 1 TD.

Receiving: Tyler Keough 20-308, 2 TDs; Shane Aylward 24-297; Nolan Timmons 15-229, 4 TDs; Danny Fleming 12-194, 3 TDs; Owen Gilligan 6-83, 1 TD; Kyle Darrigo 4-81, 1 TD; Richard Markwarth 1-9, 1 TD; Michael Kelly 1-8.

Scoring: Kyle Darrigo 13 TDs, 78 points; Tyler Keough 5 TDs, 25 PATs, 2 conversions, 1 field goal, 68 points; Shane Aylward 9 TDs, 54 points; Danny Fleming 6 TDs, 36 points; Nolan Timmons, 4 TDs, 1 conversion, 26 points; Kalu Olu 3 TDs, 18 points; Ryne Rametta 1 TD, 6 points; Owen Gilligan 1 TD, 1 conv., 8 points; Richard Markwarth 1 TD, 6 points; 1 Defensive Safety, 2 points.

# Happy Thanksgiving

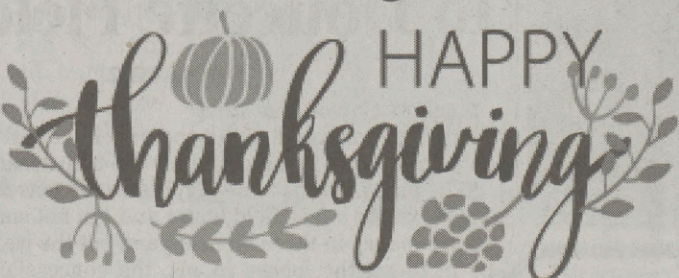


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## GO REDMAN!



David and Daniel Ings

Twin Brothers band together during senior year

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WILMINGTON - If you are attending Thursday morning's Thanksgiving Day clash between Wilmington and Tewksbury, you probably won't see a whole lot of number 57 and 60 for the Wildcats on the field. Those numbers belong to seniors David (57) and Daniel (60) Ings, twin brothers, and reserve offensive and defensive linemen for Wilmington High.

But, while the amount of game action the duo will actually see might be in question, rest assured that regardless of how much they actually play, they have most definitely played a key role in getting the Wildcats prepared to square off against the Redmen, just as they have done for every Wildcats opponent over the past three seasons.

Wilmington coach Craig Turner knows firsthand just how valuable the Ings brothers have been and continue to be to his team, and he has come to truly appreciate what they have meant to the football program.

"They are what I call program kids. They don't see

the field too much, but I would be hard pressed to get anything done around here without those kids," Turner said. "They are on every single scout team. They help get us ready every week for our opponents. They are leaders in the locker room. The other kids look up to them and respect them."

And it is not just on the practice field that the Ings brothers have made to the Wilmington Football program. They are also the ultimate Wildcats, doing whatever they can to help the team off the field as well.

"For the last three years anything and everything we have ever asked these kids to do, they have done it," Turner said. "If we need kids to volunteer with Pop Warner they are down there, if we need kids to volunteer for Police Night Out, they are there. They are just wonderful kids and they do whatever we ask of them."

And by the way, the Ings brothers do all of this for the football team, while also being members of the Wilmington High Marching Band. On Friday nights at Wilmington High, just before halftime, Wildcats fans got used to seeing the

familiar site of Daniel and David (along with fellow band members Nathan Curdo and younger brother Michael Ings) getting out of their shoulder pads and into their band uniforms as they prepared for the half-time show.


"Over the years we have pretty much gotten it down to a science," said Daniel, who is a drummer with the band. "Usually I will go up to the band room and make sure all of stuff is in line, along with Nathan, and then we come down here and get ready for football. At halftime somebody brings the drums on the field for me."

"We all, when it starts getting close to halftime, when the clock is winding down we take our shoulder pads, or at least the drummers take off their shoulder pads," David added. "Sometimes I keep mine on. Basically, we grab our instruments, we go and do the halftime show and then when it is all over we go back with the team."

Sounds simple enough on game night, but of course the commitment to both activities goes a lot further than just game night. Being a part of either program would keep any high school student busy enough, but being a part of both takes a special kind of commitment.


"A lot of times they will leave football practice and go right to a two hour band practice, so they put a lot of time in. It is quite a commitment," Turner said. "These kids never miss a minute. They are never not here, they are here every single day. I know they take a challenging course load here, and even at the beginning of the season when they have to miss time during camp for band camp, they make sure to come and see me before they leave to get practice plans and weight lifting plans so they don't miss a beat. They come back and it was like they never left."

That commitment to the football team will of course come to an end on Thursday morning, and while both brothers are looking forward to game




Twin Brothers David (left) and Daniel Ings, are senior members of this year's Varsity Football team as well as they both play in the band.

(photo by Mike Ippolito).



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Saying good-bye to Doucette Field

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tough to play on that field."

Aylward was asked about the new field that will be going in with plans of being ready for the 2020 season.

"The plan is for us to be playing on the new field next year. There will be a new field house and I'm not sure if there will be occupancy in there by next year, but the weight room will be in there, the locker rooms, the concessions and they'll have a team room in there, so it's going to be really nice. It'll be first class.

"I was fortunate enough to be on the committee and sub-committee of putting it all together and I appreciate being able to be a part of that. They knew that they were going to do it, but getting our input with what the needs are, was really good. It's going to be much more useable for multiple programs, really, when it's all said and done.

"There will be lights but if I'm still the coach here, we're going to play a couple of Saturday afternoon games only because that's part of our tradition and just because we have lights, doesn't mean we have to use them all of the time. There's still a lot of logistics (to be finalized) but it'll be a busy off-season for us, getting all of this stuff out of here."

Both the TMHS and WHS Athletic Programs and especially the two Football programs, are asking for all alumni for both teams, to wear their Tewksbury and Wilmington colors to Thursday's game, and during halftime, go onto the field for a (large) group photo.



# Capelo avoids being the center of attention

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TEWKSBURY - Last year as a junior, Antonio Capelo saw some time as an offensive lineman. He was part of a large rotation of players, who saw action at different parts of games, or who came in to give guys a rest or to replace someone who was injured.

After being a part of the team that advanced to the Super Bowl, Capelo, one of the five captains on this year's team, thought he may be better suited in another position.

"Last year I played tackle and this year I thought it would be best for the team if I switched over to play center," he said. "I just thought it would be a good switch for me, and for the team, especially with my size. I'm glad I did it, I had a fun year."

At 5-foot-6, 245 pounds, it would be tough for Capelo to take on the opposing big guys on the defensive front. Although he's still doing that now as the team's center before heading out to make blocks on linebackers, the new position has suited him well - but admittedly it took a few games.

In the team's second game of the season against Methuen, he had a few snaps that sailed high for chunks of loss yardage during some critical parts of the game.

"That was a tough game," he said. "I had a little bit of a banged up

thumb. It was just a tough game. It was hot out. I had my thumb wrapped up and it just really didn't help me but the next game against BC High, I felt fine. Throughout that entire week (of practice leading up to the BC High game), it was crazy. I was taking so many snaps throughout every day and it got better. Once I got it down, I was fine."

Indeed he has been. In fact, he hasn't had a bad snap since, and has played remarkably well as part of a strong offensive line unit.

"Antonio is in a tough spot with snapping the ball and then trying to get up to the linebackers and stuff," said Aylward. "He's been a kid who has been a real leader in the weightroom. He worked really hard on the lifting piece and he is probably one of, if not, our strongest kid in the weightroom. His big thing was to improve on his footspeed in order to get out there on the field. He did enough of that to get out there on the field and contribute for us this season."

"We put a lot on his shoulders. We have to get the guys adjusted to whatever we are seeing up front and he's had to take a leadership role that way and Robbie Kimtis also does a lot of that, but Antonio has gotten better with that and being more vocal."

Capelo has been a part of that offensive line -

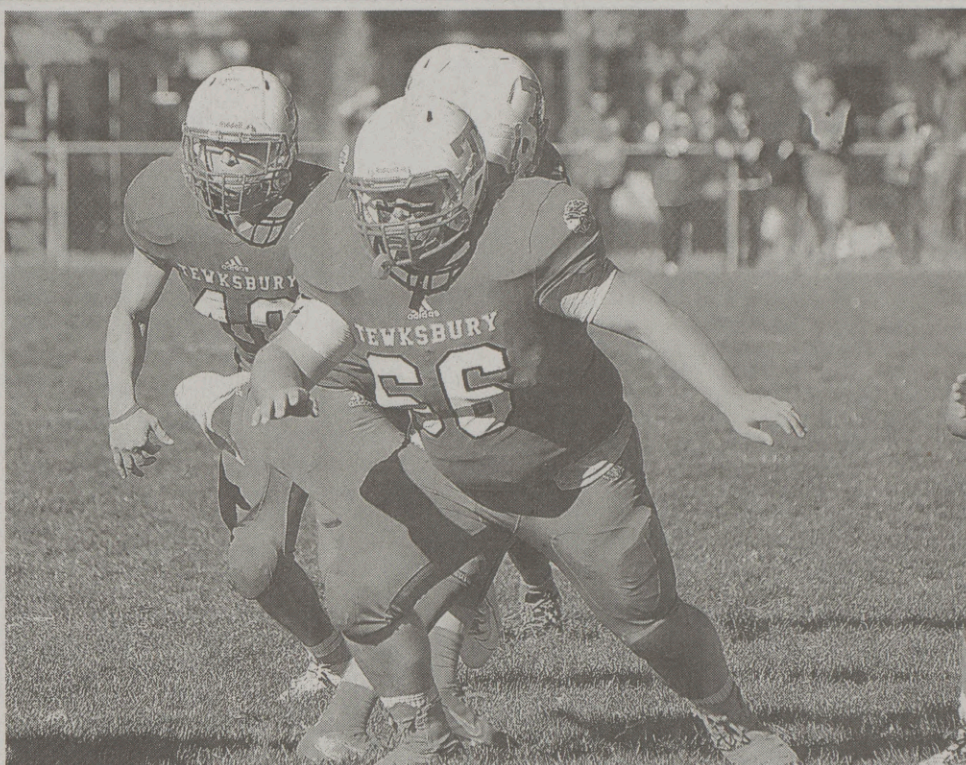
helping the offense score 275 points in 11 games and total almost 3,100 total yards of offense - with fellow captains Kimtis and Mike Woodford, as well as Kyle Scrooc, Anthony DeSisto, Dylan Chandler and Owen Gilligan to name a few, who are in this year's rotation.

"Most of the guys (on the offensive line) are seniors and junior Stephen Arsenault jumps in there sometimes, but we all grew up playing together," said Capelo. "We're all friends outside of football so it's good to look over (on the line) and talk to somebody who you have known for six or seven years."

Those close buddies have not only helped Capelo improve and develop as a player, but come together to win regular season and playoff victories - nine of them to be exact.

"At the beginning of the season, I just had the mentality of let's take it one game at a time and see where the season goes, but after the Methuen loss, it was really tough. We did bounce back against a really good BC High team and we just got rolling after that and got some momentum going as we got into the playoffs."

"This year, I just have a lot of memories and I think it's been a great season. I am really proud of the team. I'm thankful to the coaches and to my family at home and it was



Tewksbury Memorial High School senior captain Antonio Capelo has been a mainstay this season as the team's center. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras.)

just a really good season overall."

His family at home includes his two sisters, Olivia, who is a sophomore cheerleader and lacrosse player at the high school, and eighth grader Sophia. They will be on-hand to watch his final game of his football career come Thursday, when Tewksbury hosts Wilmington for the final game at Doucette Field.

"It's a big rivalry and it should be a good game out here on Thursday," said Capelo. "I can't wait. It's going to be fun and I can't wait. It's going to be an emotional day for me. It's most likely my last game ever and it's also going to be the last game here on Doucette Field. There's going to be a lot of people here."

Those people in the stands will be watching No. 66, a kid who put his team before his own self.

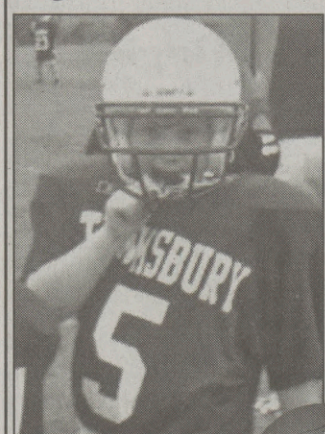


The members of the 2019 Fall Cheerleading team which includes front row from left, Kristina Johnson, Gianna DiGiorgio, Kaitlyn Staskywiez and Kate Lowry; middle row from left, Coach Paige Winn, Katelyn Rose, Abigail O'Keefe, Lexi Palmisano, Rebecca Cardia and Amanda Ogden; back row from left, Annemarie Sullivan, Patricia Woodford, Zoe Kalogeropoulos, Jillian Mantel, Ariana Perron, Jessica Lowry, Olivia Capelo, and Lauren Rider. Missing from photo: Jennifer Asselin and Vanessa Green.

The seniors: Kate Lowry, Gianna DiGiorgio, Kaitlyn Staskywiez, and Kristina Johnson; and back row from left, Katelyn Rose, Lexi Palmisano, Rebecca Cardia, and Abigail O'Keefe. (photos by Jim Vaiknoras.)



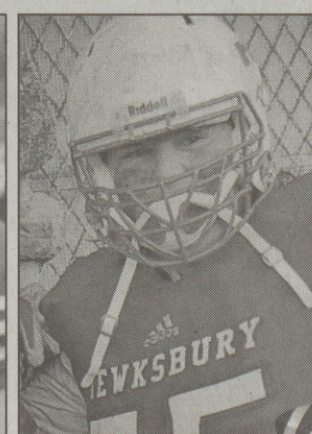
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Brian Aylward has been coaching the Redmen in the Thanksgiving Day game since 1997. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

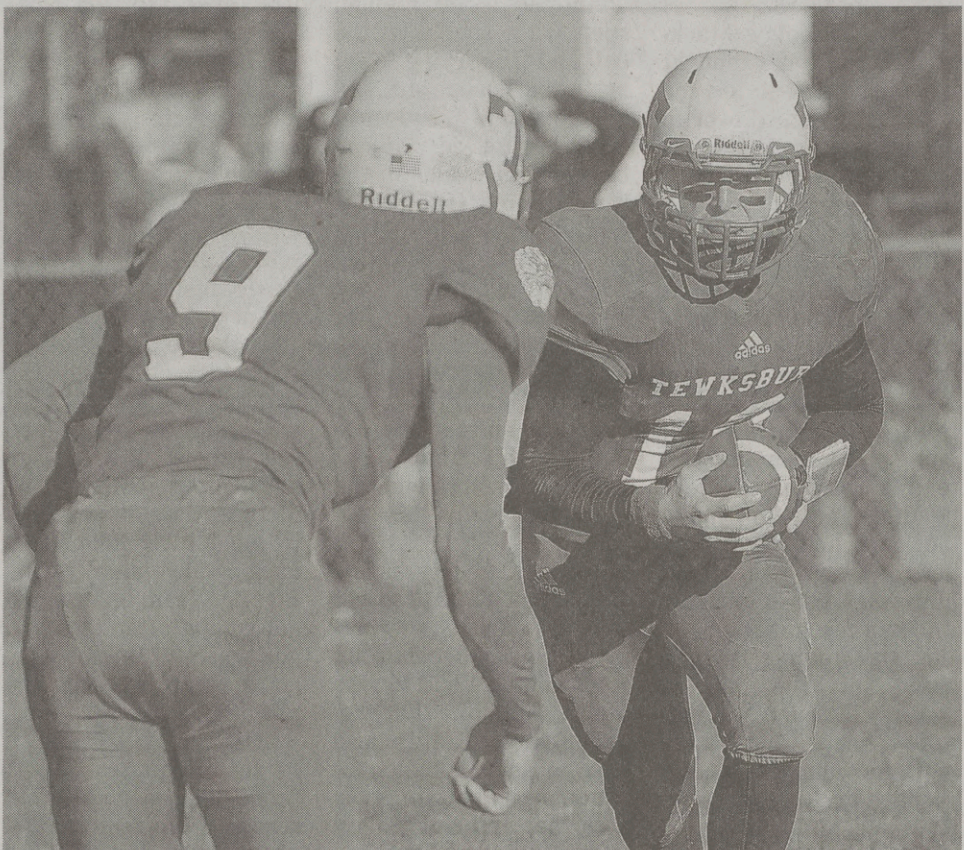
## All-Time TMHS Football Captains

Year	Player(s)
1935	Frank Livingston
1936	Mason Alexander and William Seekins
1937	Joe Kane
1938	Ken Fitzgerald
1939	Joe McNulty
1940	Bob Hunter
1941	Walter Doucette
1942	Leon Bonugli
1943	John Ready and Don Berube
1944	Jim Chandler and Alex Davis
1945	Bernard Carroll
1946	Richard Dewing
1947	Warren Bishop and John Kane
1948	Richard Patten
1949	Richard Fortier
1950	John Wojkiewicz
1951	Joel Trull
1952	Mike Bancroft
1953	Walter Golen
1954	Thomas Aspell
1955	Robert Dixon
1956	Gerry Trull and Robert Allen
1957	James Johnson and Robert Weddleton
1958	Robert Hickey
1959	Richard Weddleton and Hugh Mahoney
1960	Clem Connors and William Burke
1961	Gil Caster
1962	Matt McGillick
1963	Connie Barry
1964	Francis McCusker and Gerry Rideout
1965	Alex Stotik and Harry Hansen
1966	John Hazel and Steve Ballou
1967	William Bulloch and Mike Campbell
1968	Barry Sheehan
1969	Mark Manley and Bob Bissett
1970	Charles Roux and Joe Hanley
1971	Harvey Qua
1972	Charlie D'Avanzo and Tim Breen
1973	Tom Morin and Dave Smith
1974	Mike King and Steve Flagg
1975	Tom Sullivan, Rick Mackey and Mark Stephens
1976	Rick Billings and Joseph Gorfinkle
1977	Jay Petros, Mark Petros, Bill Ashe and Rick MacGillisk
1978	Paul Weitz, Tim Brothers, and Dave Puzzo
1979	Mark Riddle and Mike Smith
1980	Scott Tremlett, Dennis Vecchi, Bob Byrd and Tom Horgan
1981	Frank Fay, Todd DiRocco, Richard Bradenick, Buddy Pelczar
1982	Mike Buscanera, Jeff Vecchi and Chuck Healey
1983	Steve Gale, Tom Ogden and Tom Mawn
1984	Mike Irvine and Barry Dick
1985	Bud MacAllister, Shawn Blades, Rob Aylward, Bob Dunlay
1986	Dave French, Tim Boudreau, Brian Aylward, Brian Donoghue
1987	Brian French, Dave McSweeney and Jay Rideout
1988	Chris Horgan, Tom Aylward, Dave Carciofi, Keith DeSisto
1989	Abe Mills, Bob Marshall, Sean Wilson, and Glen Harris
1990	Sean Mackey, Tim Lightfoot, Sean Conley and Brian Brooks
1991	Dana Boudreau and Dan Sprague
1992	Mike Roux, Dan Babine, and Ryan McNeal
1993	Chris Snow, Brian Donoghue, and Mel Santos
1994	George Rodgers, Brian O'Keefe, Scott Haddad, Greg Nota
1995	Mike Torode, Ben Christopher, Ryan Minor and Joe Mercer
1996	Jon Bombach, Tim Lavoie and Matt Petros
1997	Justin Hamilton, Dave Shunamon, Ralph Perrotti and Paul Davoren
1998	Mike Deshler, Tyler Welch, and Mark Morris
1999	Jay Stamp, Erik Hamilton, Bryan Deshler and Brian Sinkus.
2000	Jack Byrne, Erik Nickerson, Jason Stotik, Ryan Carlson and Jay Wagstaff
2001	James McCarthy, Bill Meuse and Christos Koustenis
2002	Steve Kasprzak, Mike Rocco and Ryan Byrne
2003	Bill Fabiano, Alex Marcin, Joe Davidian and Tony Corsino
2004	Chris Byrne, Dan Westaway, Buddy Bradley and Doug Heald
2005	Tom Byrne, Rob Rotondi and David Tiberio
2006	Pat Sugrue, Adam Power and Steven Alves
2007	Mike Hanifin, Mike Willey, Conor Flanagan, Tyler Deshler and Derek Lowe
2008	Joel Altavesta, Matt Bailey, Chase Bartrum and Joe Gulino
2009	Mike Altavesta and Mike Fiorentino
2010	Anthony Arcari, Sean Connolly, David Gallatto and Sean McCarthy
2011	Chris Bettano, Derek Tarpey, Kevin Saunders
2012	Christian Taylor and Kyle Pandolph
2013	Kevin Dick, Johnny Aylward, Alex Hamilton and Eddie Matovu
2014	Ethan Eloi, Ryan Bednarek, James Sullivan and Tom Casey
2015	Stephen Bonugli, Troy Carey, TJ Contaloni and Brett Morris
2016	Ryan Morris, Pat Wild and Sean Barker
2017	Will Matovu, Blake Hiltz, Masyn Lorick, Brandon Winn and Joe Rosberg
2018	Kyle Zervas, Jay Connolly, Zach Weitz, Jack Kelley and Trace Trant
2019	Shane Aylward, Tyler Keough, Antonio Capelo, Robbie Kimtis & Mike Woodford

## Redmen hoping to make it a complete decade sweep

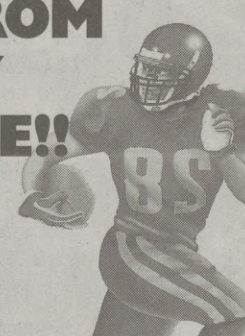

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and 13 TDs, while, Olu, Aylward, Fleming and Keough have combined for over 1,000 rushing yards and 15 rushing TDs. Timmons leads the receiving core with four TDs, while, Flemings has three, Keough has two, and Darrigo, Gilligan and Markwarth have one each. While the Redmen offense has been strong for most of the season, Wilmington's has shown it can be effective, running out of the 'spread' with QB Christian Robarge, and then out of the 'Power-I' with Bailey Smith, a quick and physical runner. Heading into this season, Tewksbury had to replace a lot of starters and experience from last year's Super Bowl finalist team. It took a while for things to mesh, starting out 1-1 with a win over Needham, before losing to outstanding and healthy Methuen team at the time. After that, Tewksbury rebounded with a huge win over BC High, before then rolling with wins over sectional finalist North Andover, Billerica, Chelmsford and Dracut, before three thrilling and close playoff wins over Lynn English, Concord-Carlisle and Winchester. "To keep digging in and getting these close (state tournament) wins the past few weeks is really impressive," said Turner. "They take care of the ball for the most part, they play very sound and it's one of those things where you may know what they are going to do in certain situations, but that doesn't necessarily mean you are going to stop them either."



Tewksbury Memorial High School junior quarterback hands the ball off to sophomore running back Danny Fleming during the team's win over Winchester. The two of them will be key figures in Thursday's contest. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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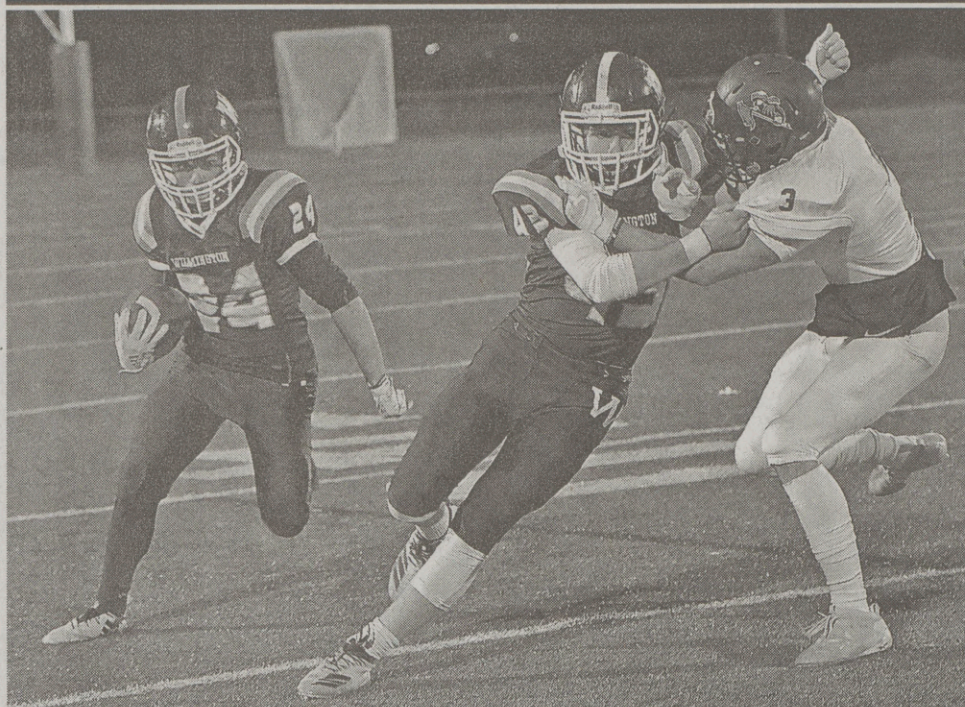
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Wilmington High senior back Kyle Vallee carries the ball while getting a block from Bailey Smith in the team's loss to Lynnfield. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## All-Time WHS Football Captains

Year	Player(s)
1935	Joe Donovan
1936	Danny Carter
1938	Tommy Leonard
1939	Bob Foye
1940	Art Drew
1941	Dick Carpenter
1943	Leo O'Connell
1944	Game Captains
1945	Gus Blaisdell
1946	Burt Holmes
1947	Russell Garland
1948	Bill Chisholm and Paul Carpenter
1949	Leo Woods
1950	Gerry O'Reilly and Don O'Connell
1951	Jay Tighe and Jere Melzar
1952	Gene Hovey and Bob Palmer
1953	Bob Smith
1954	Frank DePiano
1955	Jay Palmer and Bob Branscombe
1956	Bill Rosa and Sam Cavallaro
1957	John Amaro and Bill Johnston
1958	Joe Casey, Bill Rooney and George Munroe
1959	Eddie Palino
1960	Eddie Casey
1961	Eddie Woods
1962	Jackie Bowen
1963	Jon Fairfield
1964	Jim Newhouse and Dick Page
1965	Peter Keane and Kirk Anderson
1966	Rick Ely and Dick Doucette
1967	Jack Gillis, Dan O'Connell and Hank Devlin
1968	Eddie Gillis
1969	Kenny Cleary and Bruce MacInnis
1970	Dick Gillis and Mike Esposito
1971	Mike Rounds and Steve Holloway
1972	Paul Olsen, Alan Jensen and Leo Campbell
1973	Dean Devlin, Jack Holloway and Don Stewart
1974	Jack Stygles, Carl Butler and Bob Bavota
1975	Bob Aprile, Chris Rounds and Mike Mazzola
1976	John Campbell, Gordie Fitch and Dino Esposito
1977	Steven Woods and David Rounds
1978	Tom Carroll, Phil Russo, Sal Carbone and John Maga
1979	David Woods, Chris Briggs and John Robarge
1980	Dennis Foley, Matt Phillips and Joe Burbine
1981	Rob Santos, Craig Richards and Ken Runge
1982	Eddie Olshaw and Jon Nolan
1983	Dean Athanasia, Paul Caizzi and Gerry Sullivan
1984	Dave Richards, Ken DeYoung and Dante DeMarco
1985	Ed Shelley, Tony Cutone, Dave MacDonald, Peter Campbell
1986	Tom Pote and Al Ausiello
1987	Patrick Nally, Dan Woods and C.J. Barber
1988	John Rago, Derek LeBlanc and Tony DeLucia
1989	Greg Catanzano, Frank Cenca and Steve Killilea
1990	Dennis Walsh, Brian Murray, Bob Voner and Bill Kerrigan
1991	Mike King, Bob Fleming and Bryant Falzone
1992	John O'Reilly and John Burke
1993	Dave Fleming and Eric Robbins
1994	Steve O'Neil and Jack Warford
1995	Tom Burke and Pat Finn
1996	Billy Harrison, Matt Haskamp and Sean Kerrigan
1997	Tim Gillis and Jamie Campbell
1998	Mike Gennetti, Kevin Finnerty and Dave DeAmato
1999	Russ Hubby, Eric Banda and Matt Minghella
2000	Mark Jepson, Jim Fennelly and Josh Hiltz
2001	George Godding, Chris McHale and Mike Herra
2002	Dereck Downs, Mike Harrison and Derek Hanley
2003	Bobby Harrington, Charlie Lojek and Sean Godding
2004	Robbie Gillis, Brennan Jones, Brian Giamberardino, Mike Thibault
2005	Joe Herra, Stephen Downs, Zack Mayo and Matt Marden
2006	Rich Barry, Kyle Borsetti and Mike Barry
2007	Corey Groves, Ernie Mello, Kyle Moon and Evan Borsetti
2008	Mike Manganelli, Anthony Nihan, Stephen Stewart, Chris Thibault
2009	Evan Butters, Denis Gingras, John Moriarty
2010	Gordie Fitch, Sean Hanley, Brian Hurley and Kevin Moriarty
2011	John Parsons and Alex Furlong
2012	Brendan Ahern, Brian Priem and Tim Woods
2013	Danny Paige, Troy Vibert and Ryan Carroccino
2014	Dyan Masiello and Austin Ferreira
2015	Charlie Minghella, Louis Larfarello, Matthew Woods and Kyle Nelson
2016	David Woods and Sam Jennings
2017	Tyler Roberts, Graham Smith and Jason Vallee
2018	Andrew Sullivan, Connor Benoit, Peter Marino and Kyle Kenyon
2019	Christian Robarge, Bailey Smith, Dean Nally and Pat McAndrew



Wilmington High Freshman Quarterback Joe McCauley gets instructions from head coach Craig Turner during the team's last game, a loss at home to Lynnfield. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Wildcats looking to upset the three-time sectional champions

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themselves, Bishop Fenwick and Melrose, who were simply too powerful for the 'Cats.

After that, the team rebounded and picked up two great wins over Watertown and Burlington, before falling in their final two league games against an outstanding Stoneham team, and then Wakefield.

In the consolation rounds, Wilmington picked up wins over Saugus and Gloucester, before falling to Lynnfield, despite a strong comeback bid.

"I thought Wilmington looked really good against Lynnfield," said Aylward. "I had heard that Lynnfield was really good all season and I had heard that they had some pretty talented kids, including the quarterback. Wilmington did a good job and I thought they looked quick - their running back was quick, the young quarterback made some real good throws and then the Robarge kid came in (and did well).

"Wilmington looks a lot more assignment based up front (on the offensive and defensive lines) and it looked a little different (than years past) and it looks like that group is getting more accustomed to what Coach (Turner) is trying to do. It just looked cleaner, and the same thing with the Gloucester game, with what I saw on film.

"I know Wilmington played that Lynnfield team real tough and a lot of people had been saying that Lynnfield was going to go all of the way. Wilmington was right with them the entire time."

For Wilmington to have any chance in this Turkey Day game, it will have to hold onto the ball. This season, the Wildcats have turned the ball over 23 times with 14 fumbles and

9 interceptions and on the other side of the ball, stop a potent offense that has Rametta at QB and a handful of talented run-

games in a matter of six days.

"Emotionally is one thing and we tried to handle that (after the



Wilmington High third-year head coach Craig Turner is hoping to lead the Wildcats to their first Thanksgiving Day win in this decade. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

ning backs and pass catchers including Kyle Darrigo, Shane Aylward, Tyler Keough, Danny Fleming and Kalu Olu, who have combined to score 28 rushing touchdowns and six receiving scores.

Wide receiver Nolan Timmons and tight ends Owen Gilligan and Richard Markwarth have also combined for six additional scores.

Moreover, special teams will play a major role. Shane Aylward returned to action on Saturday and he has returned three kick-off returns for TDs this season, however, Wilmington has a tendency of not kicking the ball deep, so it'll be 'pick your poison' in this case and both cases really are not ideal situations.

Tewksbury is coming off a tough loss on Saturday, meaning the team will be playing two emotional

Duxbury loss) and these guys now understand that there's no time to lick your wounds. You have to lick your wounds quickly and get back on the horse and get after it. We're only going to have a couple of days of practice, so we're going to need to fix some mental mistakes that we may have had (against Duxbury)," said Aylward.

Turner knows that his team will have its hands full with a deep and talented Tewksbury squad, and said that his team has to be ready to go both physically and mentally from the opening kick-off until the final whistle.

"I have seen them quite a few times live and on film," he said. "They are very good, obviously. The thing that amazes me about them mostly is just how tough they are, not necessarily physical wise but as much as they are mentally."

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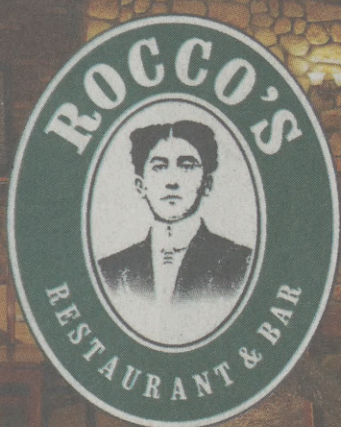
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